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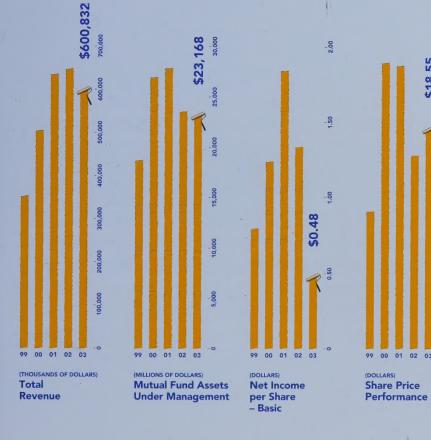
The extent of your success is defined only by the scope of your vision

At AGF, we look beyond today, beyond borders and beyond the obvious

We look beyond the expected to unlock opportunity and build for tomorrow

Look beyond captures AGF's vision for prudent growth, long-term success and optimal value for shareholders

## financial highlights









(DOLLARS) **Cash Flow from** Operations per Share – Basic

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to report that following three years of market volatility, your company has emerged even stronger and better positioned to create value for you, the shareholder.

Throughout our 46-year history, we've demonstrated that what may appear to be a period of retrenchment is in fact an opportunity to position for future growth. In 2003, we made great strides in our program of disciplined and balanced growth. We shored up our foundations and readied ourselves to take full advantage of the improving conditions we expect in 2004.

AGF is built on principles of honesty and integrity that guide every aspect of our business.

I look forward to upholding our commitment to prudent, long-term growth in the year ahead.

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C. Warren Goldring
Chairman

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Dear Fellow Shareholders,

At AGF, we build our business today to reap the rewards tomorrow. Our priority is to implement a farsighted strategy that targets sustainability, profitability and value for shareholders over the long term.

While restrained investor confidence continued to impact our results in fiscal 2003, recovery in the equity markets gives us a strong case for optimism in the coming year.

In the past year we took a number of steps to strengthen our organization and position ourselves for improving conditions in 2004.

By the end of fiscal 2003, AGF emerged with a healthy balance sheet, substantial free cash flow, strengthened investment management expertise and leading fund performance.

We invested in our core business of fund management. Our efforts paid off with stellar fund performance as 85% of fund assets performed above median for the one-year period ended November 30, 2003.

We did so in the face of challenging conditions. Coming off the worst bear market in recent memory, growth of the Canadian economy was tempered by a series of shocks including war, SARS, mad-cow disease, forest fires in B.C., power outages in the East and a soaring loonie.

We have entered 2004 with renewed momentum on a number of fronts. Following a year of very healthy gains in virtually every stock market around the world, investor confidence is poised for a rebound. After 46 years in this business, we've seen time and again that mutual fund sales follow good performance. We believe investor confidence should soon catch up to market returns and translate into a resurgence in sales of long-term equity funds.

Positive economic news for the Canadian and U.S. economies should fuel markets in the year ahead. Earnings continue to recover, capital investment is rising and consumers are spending. Investors won't be far behind. Mutual fund investors in the U.S. have already been returning to long-term equity funds for some time, and we expect the trend to gather steam in Canada, as well.

AGF's 2003 financial results were negatively affected by a one-time, non-cash tax charge. When the Government of Ontario repealed previously enacted corporate income tax rate reductions and increased the tax rate from 12.5% to 14%, we were required to recalculate our future income tax liabilities and record a tax charge of \$40.2 million or \$0.43 per share diluted in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003.

For the year ended November 30, 2003, AGF's cash flow from operations declined 21.9% to \$208.5 million, or \$2.25 per share diluted, compared with \$267.0 million or \$2.91 per share diluted last year. Consolidated revenue was \$600.8 million, down 8.1% from \$654.1 million in the prior year.

Net income was particularly affected by the one-time tax charge. Consolidated net income was \$44.0 million, compared to \$119.8 million in 2002, a decrease of 63.3%. Without the tax rate increase, AGF's consolidated net income would have been \$84.2 million or \$0.91 per share diluted for the year.

EBITDA was \$284.3 million, down 11.3% from \$320.4 million the previous year.

As a result of our healthy free cash flow, AGF paid down \$114.0 million in long-term debt and raised the dividend twice in the year for a total increase in the dividend rate of 23.1%.

Demonstrating confidence in AGF's future and strong belief in the value of our business, we repurchased 503,300 Class B shares during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003.

The long-term outlook for our business continues to be very positive. The mutual fund industry in Canada is forecast to grow from around \$440 billion in assets under management today to more than \$840 billion by 2012, according to industry research firm Investor Economics. In the near term, interest rates are expected to remain low, while savings rates are growing. Down the road, demographic trends paint a compelling picture. Canadians are getting older and wealthier as the baby boomers enter their peak earnings and savings years. According to Statistics Canada, the number of Canadians between the ages of 50 and 64 will grow almost 30% by 2011 and 38% by 2016.

By making professional money management available to all investors, mutual funds are the most democratic financial product available today. AGF is a strong company with leading products in a growing industry. Our long-term plan is to solidify our position in the Canadian mutual fund industry while generating growth in related attractive opportunities around the world.



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# beyond borders

At AGF, we look beyond the horizon for new opportunities to grow. Whether we invest in businesses overseas or uncover potential in a related business at home, we are investing in the future.

This year, AGF expanded across product lines, across businesses and across countries. Through organic growth or acquisition, we expand when we see either a solid fit in a related market, or a strategic investment in an area with high growth potential. In 2003, we made progress on both fronts.

We want to serve our customers for life. Our goal is to be second to none with the top offering in every category of products and services across the wealth continuum.

AGF mutual funds delivered tremendous performance in fiscal 2003. Due to our relatively large offering of international funds, AGF's fund performance was affected by the weakening U.S. dollar. However, fully 85% of our assets performed above median for the year, and that number climbs to 86% over a 10-year period.

Our portfolio management expertise was once again honoured at the Canadian Investment Awards. AGF European Equity Class, managed by John Arnold and Rory Flynn of AGF International Advisors Co. Ltd., was named Best European Equity Fund for the third straight year. AGF Global Government Bond Fund, managed by Clive Coombs and Scott Colbourne of AGF Funds Inc., was also a repeat winner, taking home Best Foreign Bond Fund for the second year in a row.

AGF Harmony tailored investment program built on great momentum with assets under management reaching \$522 million, a growth of 58%.

We expanded Harmony to deliver on our commitment to excellence in money management and top-quality, flexible service. Subsequent to year-end we launched Harmony Portfolios, fund on funds that offer a complete, professionally-managed portfolio in one purchase. The number of investment advisors offering Harmony rose 40% in fiscal 2003.

We continue to make major strides in AGF Private Investment Management (PIM). AGF PIM acquired the leading Ottawa-based investment counselling firm P.J. Doherty & Associates after the end of the fiscal year, bringing total private investment management assets under administration to approximately \$2.5 billion. The acquisition delivers on our strategy to build a strong high-net-worth management presence in key markets across Canada.

Our reinvestment in AGF Trust Company paid off in a banner year in 2003. Pre-tax income more than doubled, rising 154.2% to \$5.5 million. Revenue grew 44.8% to \$34.7 million. AGF Trust grew assets and gained market share in all product categories, led by a surge in investment and RSP loans, which rose 56.7% to \$279.7 million. With new products and broadened distribution through partnership agreements, AGF Trust is poised for further growth in 2004.

The past year was one of transformation and growth for Unisen Inc. Following the acquisition of Jewelstone Systems Inc. in 2002, the company made significant progress and is on track to complete the integration of operations. Unisen successfully restructured and united more than 1,000 of its employees under one roof in its Mississauga, Ontario, facility. As it consolidates operations, Unisen will benefit from significant economies of scale.

Unisen is poised to become the leader in fund industry back-office outsourcing in Canada. With more than \$185 billion in assets under administration and over 160 clients, it administered 20 million individual investor fund accounts during the year. Unisen offers the opportunity to participate in the growing trend to outsource business processes.

AGF also made significant progress building on our two U.K. investments. Our wholly-owned subsidiary Investmaster Group Ltd. is now the U.K.'s largest supplier of integrated systems for private wealth managers, accounting for 25% of the daily private client volumes traded through the London Stock Exchange. AGF strengthened the business through the acquisition of software supplier Consort Information Systems in April, 2003.

AGF owns 30% of Smith & Williamson Holdings Ltd., one of the largest independent, integrated private client financial services firms in the U.K. During the year, Smith & Williamson strengthened its position as a provider of a full range of financial services for high-net-worth clients, reaching £6.1 billion in assets under investment management as of December 31, 2003. The investment in Smith & Williamson not only gives AGF a strong position in this highly profitable and growing area of the U.K. financial services market, but also offers us the opportunity to generate revenue for other businesses, from back-office services to investment management.



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Sometimes you have to look a little closer, work a little harder and swim against the tide to get where you want to go.

At AGF, we have a solid corporate strategy designed to build strength from not just what we can anticipate, but what we can't. Our solid focus and clear direction have carried us through down and up markets.

As always, the top priority of that strategy is excellence in investment management across the wealth continuum. We aim to deliver top-performing mutual funds complemented by tailored investment programs, discretionary wealth management and other related financial products.

One word defines our investment philosophy: DEPTH, which stands for Discipline, Experience, Performance, Trust and History. This philosophy represents a proven way of managing money that has earned the trust of advisors and investors. It says who we are and what we stand for.

We are committed to complementing our leading investment management with unparalleled customer service. We are investing in initiatives to better understand our customers and serve them more effectively and are continually setting a higher standard to meet their needs.

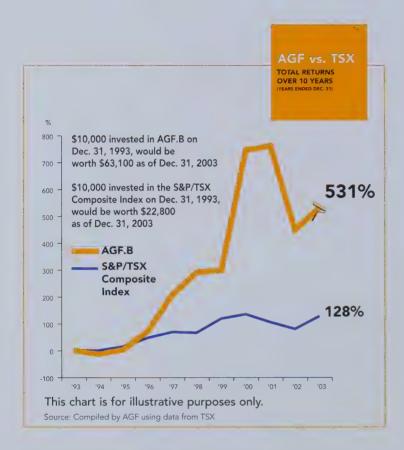
The AGF brand plays a key role in achieving that aim. Our strong and distinct brand is a leader among investment firms, offering us a clear competitive advantage in our key customer marketplace. The brand equity in our "What are you doing after work?" positioning is an important strategic asset, and we will continue to reinforce this advantage.

Steadfastly working to implement our vision, we are not afraid to part ways with the crowd when they board a different bandwagon. We're proud to stand up and stand out on issues we believe in.

We strongly believe that we have an important role to play as an independent company that can compete on the strength of our investment performance, client service and product innovation.

We maintain independence of thought, of research and of advice. And we'll do everything we can to support that model because it best serves the interests of investors and advisors.

Our strategy is to earn shelf space by delivering top products that investors want to own and advisors want to sell, backed up by a strong focus on client relationships. In short, we want to work with investment advisors, not compete against them.



As consolidation in the industry is sure to continue, I believe AGF has a strategic advantage as a strong, independent player.

The success of our long-term strategy is borne out in our stock performance and the value created for shareholders. For the 10 years ended December 31, 2003, AGF Class B shares returned a compound 20.3%.

Over 20 years we are an acclaimed leader. According to a report published in February, 2004, by National Post Business magazine, AGF Class B shares were ranked the second-highest performing stock on the S&P/TSX Composite Index over the 20 years from November 25, 1983, to November 27, 2003. A \$10,000 investment in our stock at the beginning of that period would be worth \$424,809 today, not including dividends. Overcoming market cycles and industry conditions, I'm proud to say we've delivered extraordinary growth.



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Investors entrust us with their life savings, and we take that responsibility very seriously. We have always put the interests of our unitholders first. We were one of the first companies in the industry to establish independent mutual fund boards with an independent chair. These boards are responsible for advising on the activities of each fund and protecting the interests of fund holders.

We're proud of the long-term growth of our business, but we gauge our success by more than just numbers. For AGF, the cornerstone of our business is trust. Our future depends on the trust of investors, advisors, shareholders, suppliers, employees, management and each other. We believe we must earn this trust everyday.

In light of the scrutiny on mutual fund companies and their trading practices in the U.S., Canadian fund companies have been asked to provide fund purchase and redemption information to the Ontario Securities Commission. AGF welcomes this opportunity. We understand that we must continually demonstrate our integrity to fund holders and shareholders.

I am personally committed to ensuring all our practices meet the highest standards.

As professional investors, we understand the importance of having confidence in company management, and we know that building longterm value for the company depends on aligning our interests with those of our shareholders.

It is my pleasure to thank and congratulate the employees of AGF for their unmatched energy, outstanding ability and dedication to building the company. I am honoured to work with such a distinguished group. I also extend my appreciation to the board of directors for their guidance. To our shareholders, I express gratitude for their confidence. We will continue to build AGF for long-term growth and profitability with a focus on creating value.

And finally, I thank our customers - thousands of advisors from coast to coast who believe in our products and support our company. Earning your business continues to be our priority in 2004.

Blake C. Goldring, CFA **President and Chief Executive Officer** 

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# management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations

#### **OVERVIEW**

AGF Management Limited ("AGF") is one of Canada's largest independent mutual fund and wealth management companies with operations on a global basis. In this Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD & A"), AGF and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Corporation".

AGF was started in 1957 with the launch of the American Growth Fund, one of the first mutual funds available to Canadians wishing to invest internationally.

Today, the Corporation's principal business is managing a broad range of mutual funds, which are currently distributed through independent financial advisors and investment dealers under the brand names AGF and Harmony. The Corporation also offers private investment management, trust products, deposits and loans to individual investors, as well as investment advisory and third-party administration services to institutional clients.

The principal subsidiaries and associated companies of AGF include:

AGF Funds Inc. - AGF Funds Inc. provides investment management and advisory services and is responsible for the sales and marketing of the AGF mutual funds. Based on assets under management, AGF Funds Inc. is the ninth largest mutual fund organization in Canada with 70 funds and has in excess of \$28 billion in total assets under management.

AGF Private Investment Management Limited - This business provides personalized investment counselling services for high-net-worth clients, estates, endowments and corporations. With the completion of the acquisition of P.J. Doherty & Associates on January 15, 2004, total assets under management are in excess of \$2.5 billion.

AGF Trust Company - AGF Trust offers a broad range of Web-enabled products and services, including GICs, term deposits, mortgages, investment loans and RSP loans. AGF Trust is federally incorporated and licensed across Canada and is a member of the Canadian Payments Association.

Unisen Inc. - Based in Mississauga, Ontario, Unisen Inc. offers comprehensive third-party administration services and transfer agency software solutions to the financial services industry.

AGF International Advisors Company Limited – Dublin-based and established in 1991, this operation provides investment research and advisory services on European and other international markets for the AGF mutual funds and other clients.

AGF Asset Management Asia Ltd. - Singapore-based and established in 1996, this operation provides investment research and advisory services on Asian markets for the AGF mutual funds and other clients.

Investmaster Group Limited - Investmaster is a U.K.-based developer of customized investment industry software.

Smith & Williamson Holdings Limited – This company is a leading, independent private client investment management, financial advisory and accounting group based in the U.K. AGF owns a 30% interest in Smith & Williamson Holdings Limited.

#### **CONSOLIDATED OPERATING RESULTS**

The tables below highlight the Corporation's quarterly results for the years ended November 30, 2003 and 2002.

(IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

Year Ended November 30, 2003	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tota	
Revenue	\$ 158.7	\$140.8	\$147.4	\$153.9	\$ 600.8	
Cash flow from operations <sup>1</sup>	51.9	50.8	55.8	50.0	208.5	
EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	81.8	66.7	72.4	63.4	284.3	
Net income (loss)	28.4	19.6	21.8	(25.8)3,4	44.0	
Per Share Amounts - Diluted						
Cash flow from operations <sup>1,2</sup>	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.54	\$ 2.25	
Earnings	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.23	\$ (0.27)3	\$ 0.47	
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<sup>1</sup> CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE NET CHANGE IN NON-CASH BALANCES RELATED TO OPERATIONS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS PER SHARE AND EBITDA (EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST, TAXES, DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION) ARE NON-GAP (GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES) FINANCIAL MEASURES. MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THAT SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTMENT ANALYSTS FIND THESE MEASURES HELPFUL IN ANALYSTING AGF'S RESULTS. CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS PER SHARE HAS BEEN COMPUTED USING THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING SIMILAR TO THE EPS CALCULATIONS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> THE FOURTH QUARTER LOSS IS DUE TO A ONE-TIME INCREASE IN FUTURE INCOME TAX EXPENSE OF \$40.2 MILLION (\$0.43 PER SHARE DILUTED)
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ONTARIO TAX RATE FROM 12.5% TO 14.0% EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004.

THE FOURTH QUARTER NET INCOME (LOSS) IN 2003 AND 2002 INCLUDES INTEGRATION COSTS OF \$4.9 MILLION AND \$5.5 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

Consolidated revenue in fiscal 2003 was \$600.8 million compared to \$654.1 million in fiscal 2002, a decrease of \$53.3 million or 8.1%. Cash flow from operations (before net change in non-cash balances related to operations) amounted to \$208.5 million (\$2.25 per share diluted) for the year ended November 30, 2003, as compared with \$267.0 million (\$2.91 per share diluted) in the prior year, a decrease of \$58.5 million or 21.9%. EBITDA was \$284.3 million in fiscal 2003, a decrease of \$36.1 million or 11.3% compared to fiscal 2002. Consolidated net income decreased 63.3% to \$44.0 million for the year ended November 30, 2003, as compared to \$119.8 million a year ago. Earnings per share diluted were \$0.47, a decrease of 63.8% from the prior year.

Net income in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 was negatively impacted by recent tax rate changes. The newly elected Government of Ontario introduced tax legislation to increase the Ontario corporate income tax rate from 12.5% to 14.0% effective January 1, 2004. In addition, all scheduled future Ontario corporate income tax rate reductions that had been previously enacted by the former provincial government were repealed. These tax changes were considered to be substantively enacted for Canadian accounting purposes on November 24, 2003.

In accordance with Canadian tax accounting rules, the Corporation's future income tax liabilities had to be recalculated using the newly enacted higher income tax rate. This recalculation resulted in a one-time increase in future income tax expense for AGF of \$40.2 million or \$0.43 per share diluted, which was recorded in the fourth guarter of fiscal 2003.

This non-cash charge represents a partial reversal of the future income tax benefits of \$80.3 million, which were recognized by AGF in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 due to corporate tax rate reductions, which were substantively enacted during those earlier periods.

In addition, the fourth quarter of both fiscal 2003 and 2002 were impacted by integration charges described later in this MD & A in the section entitled "Unisen Integration".

#### Change in Accounting Policy

On December 1, 2002, AGF adopted the CICA Handbook Section 3870, "Stock-Based Compensation and Other Stock-Based Payments" for stock options granted on or after that date. Under this standard, the fair value of stock options is determined on their grant date and recorded as compensation expense over the period that the stock options vest. During fiscal 2003, the Corporation granted 130,000 options and recorded \$50,000 in compensation expense in respect of the options granted during the year. The fair value of options granted during 2003 has been estimated at \$6.10 per share using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following assumptions were used to determine the fair value of the options on the date of grant:

Risk-free interest rate	4.63%
Expected dividend yield	1.68%
Expected share price volatility	33.19%
Option term	7.0 years

#### Seasonality

Since a significant proportion of the Corporation's revenue is based on the daily value of mutual fund assets under management, the Corporation is not subject to significant seasonal swings that impact earnings. Generally, the Corporation experiences somewhat higher mutual fund sales during the months of February and March, as a result of the RSP season, however, the immediate impact of the level of sales on total assets under management is not nearly as significant as the potential movement caused by changes in market value. The Corporation's revenue is more highly correlated to market values.

#### **Investment in Associated Company**

On December 2, 2002, the merger of NCL (Securities) Limited ("NCL") and Smith & Williamson Holdings Limited ("S&WHL") and the cash subscription by the Corporation of \$70.0 million of new capital in the enlarged business were completed. Prior to the merger and subscription, the Corporation owned 43.5% of NCL. With the completion of the merger and related subscription, the Corporation holds a 30.0% interest in S&WHL. S&WHL provides independent private client investment management, financial advisory and accounting services in the United Kingdom and has approximately CDN\$15 billion of funds under management.

During the year ended November 30, 2003, the Corporation recognized a pre-tax capital gain of \$12.8 million (and a related future tax expense of \$2.3 million) on the disposition of its investment in NCL, with respect to the completion of the above transaction.

The investment in S&WHL is being accounted for by the equity method, with the Corporation's share of the results of operations of S&WHL included in the consolidated financial statements from the date of purchase. The purchase price allocation and consideration paid are summarized as follows:

	-	\$(000s)	
Net Assets Acquired			
Net tangible assets	\$	22,453	
Customer contracts and relationships		107,777	
Goodwill		21,369	
Future income taxes		(32,334)	
	\$	119,265	
Consideration Paid (including acquisition costs)			
Cash	\$	70,598	
Shares in NCL		48,667	
	\$	119,265	

For the year ended November 30, 2003, the Corporation's share of the net earnings of S&WHL (net of amortization of customer contracts and relationships of \$4.8 million) amounted to \$110,000.

#### **Acquisition of Consort Information Systems Limited**

On April 17, 2003, AGF, through its wholly-owned U.K. subsidiary Investmaster Group Limited ("Investmaster"), acquired 100% of the outstanding shares of Consort Information Systems Limited ("CISL") for consideration of \$9.4 million, including acquisition costs of \$0.4 million. Cash consideration paid, including acquisition costs, amounted to \$8.3 million with a future payment of \$1.1 million due on January 31, 2006. The acquisition is being accounted for by the purchase method of accounting, with the results of operations of CISL included in the Corporation's consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. CISL, similar to Investmaster, is a U.K.-based supplier of customized software to the U.K. private client stockbroking industry. Investmaster completed the merger of CISL into its core operation during December 2003, two years ahead of the originally planned date. The decision to merge the operations at an early stage will enable Investmaster Group to accelerate the realization of synergies and cross-selling opportunities, which have become increasingly evident since the acquisition of Consort in April, 2003.

#### Unisen Integration

During fiscal 2002, AGF, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Unisen Inc. ("Unisen"), acquired The Toronto-Dominion Bank's third-party shareholder record-keeping and fund valuation business and Jewelstone Systems Inc.'s transfer agency system for the investment fund industry. Also during 2002, a decision was made to commence migrating the transfer agency functions for the AGF funds to Unisen early in fiscal 2003.

As a result, the Corporation commenced the process of consolidating the various third-party record-keeping and fund valuation businesses in one location and developing plans to move all its transfer agency operations onto one information technology platform. The Corporation recorded an integration charge of \$6.5 million in fiscal 2002 in respect of this process, which includes \$3.8 million relating to the write-down of certain leasehold improvement and computer hardware assets, \$1.3 million in lease termination and other costs and \$1.4 million in costs for the integration of The Toronto-Dominion Bank's third-party administration business.

During fiscal 2003, Unisen moved the majority of its staff to one location and reviewed its staffing requirements. Also, the Corporation reassessed its lease termination costs in light of a change in the condition of the Toronto office real estate market. Based on this review, the Corporation recorded a \$5.4 million integration charge for the year ended November 30, 2003, consisting of \$4.6 million in lease termination costs and \$0.8 million in severance costs.

#### Reportable Segments

AGF has three reportable segments: wealth management operations, fund administration operations and trust company operations. The wealth management segment provides investment management and advisory services and is responsible for the management and distribution of the AGF investment products. This segment includes the operations of AGF Funds Inc., AGF Private Investment Management Limited, AGF International Advisors Company Limited and AGF Asset Management Asia Ltd. Fund administration offers fund administrative services and transfer agency solutions to institutional clients, including the Corporation's group of mutual funds. This segment includes the operations of Unisen Inc., Investmaster Group Limited and Consort Information Systems Limited. AGF Trust Company offers a wide range of trust services, including GICs, mortgages, investment loans and RSP loans. The "Other" segment includes the results of S&WHL, which is accounted for by the equity method and the interest expense on the Corporation's long-term debt. AGF's reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services.

### **WEALTH MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

### **REVENUE**

Revenue of the wealth management operations segment is comprised of the following:

(\$ MILLIONS)						
Years ended November 30			2003		2002	
	F	Amount	% of total	Amount	% of total	% change
Net management and advisory fees	\$	405.7	84.3%	\$ 498.4	85.1%	(18.69
Deferred sales charges		40.5	8.4%	43.5	7.4%	(6.99
Administration fees and other revenue		34.3	7.1%	41.5	7.1%	(17.39
Investment income		1.1	0.2%	2.2	0.4%	(50.09
	\$	481.6	100.0%	\$ 585.6	100.0%	(17.89

### **Net Management and Advisory Fees**

Management and advisory fee revenue, net of distribution fees paid to limited partnerships and other third-party financing entities of \$18.2 million (\$24.1 million in 2002), decreased 18.6% to \$405.7 million in 2003 and accounted for 84.3% of the revenue of the wealth management operations. The amount of management and advisory fees is dependent on the level and composition of assets under management ("AUM"). Under the management and investment advisory contracts between the Corporation and each of the mutual funds it manages, the Corporation is entitled to monthly fees based on a specified percentage of the average daily net asset value of the respective fund.

The following table illustrates the composition of the changes in mutual fund AUM during the past two fiscal years:

(\$ MILLIONS)			
Years ended November 30	2003	2002	% change
Mutual fund AUM, beginning of year	\$ 23,549	\$ 27,827	(15.4%
Gross sales of mutual funds	2,271	3,947	(42.5%
Redemption of mutual funds	(4,019)	(4,542)	(11.5%
Net mutual fund redemptions	(1,748)	(595)	
Market appreciation (depreciation) of fund portfolios	1,367	(3,683)	
Mutual fund AUM, end of year	\$ 23,168	\$ 23,549	(1.6%
Average daily mutual fund AUM for the year	\$ 22,203	\$ 26,483	(16.2%
Redemptions (as a % of average daily mutual fund AUM)	18.1%	17.2%	0.9%

Mutual fund assets under management decreased 1.6% from November 30, 2002 to November 30, 2003. The change in average daily mutual fund assets under management was much greater, declining 16.2% from fiscal 2002 to 2003 and directly contributing to an 18.6% year-over-year decrease in net management and advisory fee revenue. The decline in net mutual fund sales in 2003 from the prior year for both the Corporation and the Canadian mutual fund industry was due primarily to the decline in gross sales.

Fiscal 2003 saw global equity markets stage a strong recovery. From November 30, 2002 to November 30, 2003, the S&P 500 Index rose 13.0%, the NASDAQ Index rose 32.6% and the S&P/TSX Composite Index rose 19.6%. During the same period, the Canadian dollar experienced its strongest gain in years, rising 20.6% from \$0.6391 to \$0.7706 U.S. Appreciation of the Canadian dollar has reduced the value of foreign denominated investments held by Canadian investors. The impact of the U.S. dollar decline relative to the Canadian dollar on the market value of AGF mutual funds since November 30, 2002, has been a reduction in AUM of approximately \$1.3 billion.

The Corporation's equity mutual funds have benefited from the improvement in global stock markets, resulting in market value appreciation of \$1.4 billion during fiscal 2003, compared to market value depreciation of \$3.7 billion in 2002.

The composition of the Corporation's mutual fund assets under management is summarized as follows:

Percentage of Total Mutual Fund AUM at November 30	2003	2002
Domestic equity funds	26.4%	22.2%
U.S. and international equity funds	47.3%	50.6%
Domestic balanced funds	11.4%	11.5%
U.S. and international balanced funds	3.0%	4.0%
Domestic fixed-income funds	9.8%	9.6%
International fixed-income funds	2.1%	2.1%
	100.0%	100.0%

The change in the composition of mutual fund AUM in 2003 was due to the appreciation of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar and the higher level of net redemptions of U.S. and international equity funds relative to other types of funds.

The total market value of assets managed by AGF for high-net-worth individuals and institutional clients was \$5.1 billion as at November 30, 2003 (2002 - \$5.0 billion), and these assets continue to provide the Corporation with a stable revenue stream. With the completion of the P.J. Doherty & Associates acquisition on January 15, 2004 (see section on Subsequent Event), total institutional and private client assets under management are in excess of \$6.0 billion.

### **Deferred Sales Charges**

The Corporation receives Deferred Sales Charges ("DSC") upon redemption of securities sold on the contingent DSC or "back-end" commission basis for which the Corporation financed the selling commissions paid to the dealer. The DSC is generally 5.5% of the original subscription price of the funds purchased if the funds are redeemed within the first two years and declines to zero after seven years. DSC decreased 6.9% from \$43.5 million in fiscal 2002 to \$40.5 million in 2003, reflecting the lower level of gross redemptions in the latest year.

### Administration Fees and Other Revenue

Administration fees and other revenue in the wealth management operations segment was \$34.3 million in fiscal 2003 compared to \$41.5 million in the prior year, a decrease of \$7.2 million or 17.3%. This decrease is largely due to a transfer of the unitholder record-keeping business for the AGF Funds to the Fund Administration operations segment at the start of 2003.

### **EXPENSES**

Expenses for the wealth management operations segment were as follows:

(\$ MILLIONS)			
Years ended November 30	2003	2002	% change
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 89.1	\$ 82.0	8.7%
Trailing commissions	102.8	127.9	(19.6%
Investment advisory fees	30.6	45.1	(32.1%
Amortization of DSC	117.0	114.2	2.4%
Amortization of customer contracts, relationships and investment advisory contracts	11.9	11.9	0.0%
Amortization of property, equipment and other intangible assets	11.1	11.7	(5.1%
Write-down of short-term investments	0.6	1.4	(52.9%
	\$363.1	\$ 394.2	(7.9%

### Selling, General & Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") for the Corporation's wealth management operations segment increased by 8.7% to \$89.1 million for the year ended November 30, 2003 as compared to 2002. Expressed as a percentage of average daily AUM, wealth management operations SG&A increased to 0.401% in fiscal 2003 from 0.310% in fiscal 2002, in part due to the year-over-year decline of 16.2% in average daily mutual fund AUM. The increase in SG&A expenses in 2003 is due to costs associated with enhanced distribution initiatives, the completion of fund mergers and the continued building of AGF's successful investment management team.

### **Trailing Commissions**

Trailing commissions paid to investment dealers are dependent on total AUM levels, as well as the proportion of mutual fund AUM sold on a front-end versus back-end commission basis and the proportion of equity fund AUM versus fixed-income fund AUM. Trailing commissions paid on equity funds are normally higher than those paid on fixed-income funds. Trailing commissions declined 19.6% to \$102.8 million in fiscal 2003 compared to \$127.9 million in 2002. Trailing commissions as a percentage of average daily mutual fund AUM decreased to 0.463% in fiscal 2003 from 0.483% in the prior year.

### **Investment Advisory Fees**

Investment advisory fees paid to external advisors have fallen as a result of an increasing proportion of mutual fund assets being managed internally as well as the decline in average daily mutual fund AUM. Investment advisory fees paid in fiscal 2003 were \$30.6 million compared to \$45.1 million in 2002, representing a decrease of 32.1%. Investment advisory fees as a percentage of the Corporation's average daily mutual fund AUM declined to 13.8 basis points in 2003 from 17.0 basis points in the prior year.

### **Amortization of Deferred Selling Commissions**

Amortization of DSC increased by 2.4% to \$117.0 million in fiscal 2003 compared to \$114.2 million in 2002. Currently, the Corporation finances internally all selling commissions paid. These selling commissions are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over a period that corresponds with the applicable DSC schedule.

During fiscal 2003, the Corporation paid \$45.8 million in selling commissions, compared to \$100.9 million in 2002. As at November 30, 2003, the unamortized balance of deferred selling commissions financed by the Corporation stood at \$394.8 million, a decrease of \$71.2 million from the prior year figure of \$466.0 million. The contingent deferred sales charges that would be received by the Corporation if all of the DSC securities were redeemed at November 30, 2003, were estimated to be approximately \$525 million.

### Amortization of Customer Contracts, Relationships and Investment Advisory Contracts

Amortization of customer contracts, relationships and investment advisory contracts in the wealth management operations segment was \$11.9 million in fiscal 2003, reflecting no change from the prior year. The amortization is related to contracts acquired in the acquisitions of Global Strategy Holdings Inc. and Magna Vista Capital Management Inc., which occurred in fiscal 2000. These intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, which range from five to 15 years.

### Write-Down of Short-Term Investments

Short-term investments, which are mainly comprised of seed capital for certain mutual funds launched by the Corporation, are recorded at the lower of cost and market value. As a result of the decline in equity markets in early 2003, the Corporation recorded a write-down of \$0.6 million during the first quarter of fiscal 2003 to reduce the carrying value of its short-term investments to their market value.

### Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) for the wealth management operations segment were \$258.5 million for fiscal 2003, a decrease of 21.5% from \$329.2 million in fiscal 2002.

### **FUND ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS**

### REVENUE

Revenue for the fund administration business segment, operated in Canada as Unisen Inc. ("Unisen") and in the United Kingdom as Investmaster Group Limited ("Investmaster"), increased 181.8% from \$45.6 million in fiscal 2002 to \$128.5 million in 2003.

Unisen was formed in 2002 by the combination of AdminSource Inc., The Toronto-Dominion Bank third-party administration business ("TD Administration"), Jewelstone Systems Inc. ("Jewelstone") and the fund administration operations of AGF. Unisen is a leading provider of outsourcing solutions to Canada's investment fund industry. Headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario, Unisen specializes in supporting the fund information cycle comprising unitholder record-keeping system and operations administration, client services and fund valuation services. As at November 30, 2003, Unisen served, directly or through other third-party administrators, more than 160 investment companies and financial institutions, representing over 20.7 million investor fund accounts under administration.

Investmaster, a wholly-owned subsidiary of AGF, develops and licenses customized investment industry software in the United Kingdom. During the second quarter of fiscal 2003, Investmaster completed the acquisition of Consort Information Systems Limited ("CISL"), making it the U.K.'s largest supplier of integrated systems for private wealth investment managers. This acquisition is expected to provide significant cost synergies once the integration of the two operations is completed over the next two years. With an expanded customer base and the successful introduction of new products, Investmaster is well positioned to increase its revenue in the coming year.

The increase in revenue in fiscal 2003 as compared to 2002 is attributable to fees charged to AGF Funds Inc. for providing unitholder record-keeping and fund valuation services to the AGF funds (2003 - \$51.9 million; 2002 – nil), the inclusion of a full year's revenue from Jewelstone and TD Administration, which were acquired on September 15, 2002 and January 31, 2002, respectively, and the acquisition of CISL on April 17, 2003.

### **EXPENSES**

Expenses for the fund administration operations segment were as follows:

(\$ MILLIONS)			
Years ended November 30	2003	2002	% Change
Selling, general and administrative	\$116.3	\$ 46.9	148.0%
Amortization of customer contracts and relationships	6.2	3.8	63.2%
Amortization of property, equipment and other intangible assets	8.3	2.8	196.4%
Integration costs	5.4	6.5	(16.9%)
	\$136.2	\$ 60.0	127.0%

### Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

SG&A expenses for the fund administration operations segment increased 148.0% to \$116.3 million in fiscal 2003 from \$46.9 million in 2002. The increase reflects the acquisitions and growth in the fund administration business as described earlier. EBITDA for the fund administration operations was \$6.8 million in fiscal 2003 compared to a loss of \$7.8 million in 2002.

During 2003, Unisen completed a number of significant strategic and operating initiatives, including the integration of four organizations and the consolidation of four locations into one. The project to migrate all customers to one IT platform (Unitrax) is on budget and on time with over 80% of clients converted as at November 30, 2003.

### **Amortization of Customer Contracts and Relationships**

Amortization of customer contracts and relationships increased to \$6.2 million in fiscal 2003 from \$3.8 million in 2002. The increase in amortization is due to the Jewelstone and TD Administration acquisitions, which added \$53.6 million to the carrying value of customer contracts and relationships. These intangible assets are being amortized over periods ranging from seven to 10 years.

### Amortization of Property, Equipment and Other Intangible Assets

Amortization of property, equipment and other intangible assets includes the amortization of software acquired in the Jewelstone and CISL acquisitions from the date of the respective acquisition. The value attributed to the acquired software, amounting to \$9.3 million and \$9.5 million respectively, is amortized on a straight-line basis over five years. The increase in amortization of property and equipment in fiscal 2003 was also a result of higher capital spending related to leasehold improvements and IT infrastructure at Unisen's headquarters.

### TRUST COMPANY OPERATIONS

AGF Trust Company") experienced strong asset growth during fiscal 2003. RSP loan advances were strong as financial advisors continued to make use of the Trust Company's Internet-based application system. New investment loan products contributed to growth in loan advances. The Trust Company continues to make improvements to its suite of products and its Internet-based delivery channel.

Pre-tax income of the Trust Company for the year ended November 30, 2003 amounted to \$5.5 million as compared to \$2.2 million in the prior year, an increase of 154.2%. Non-interest expenses increased to \$8.5 million, an increase of \$2.1 million, mainly due to higher administration costs. Net investment income for the year ended November 30, 2003 was \$13.4 million, an increase of 70.4% over the prior year, due to rapid interest-generating asset growth and an improvement in interest rate spreads on all products. This increase in spreads is a result of improved asset yields and funding rates.

Mortgage assets continued to grow steadily, increasing by 5.0% during 2003, to \$214.5 million, of which 65.0% were insured. Net conventional non-accrual loans were \$0.8 million, or 0.4% of the mortgage portfolio. The general allowance for mortgage loan losses was increased during the year to \$760,000 from \$725,000.

Consumer loans, including investment loans and RSP loans, experienced strong growth of 56.7% during the year, growing by \$101.2 million to \$279.7 million at November 30, 2003. The general allowance for consumer Ioan losses was increased to \$1.9 million from \$1.2 million a year ago.

The Trust Company's balance sheet has grown significantly during the past year, with its financial position remaining solid. Total assets increased 15.4% to \$590.4 million at November 30, 2003 from the prior year end. The Trust Company's assets-to-capital multiple stood at 14.3 times, down from 16.3 times at November 30, 2002, and well below the Trust Company's authorized multiple of 17.5 times. The Trust Company's risk-based capital ratio was 11.4% at November 30, 2003. The Trust Company increased its issued and outstanding capital stock by \$4.0 million during the year, in order to support its increased asset levels. Liquid assets were high, with \$83.1 million in cash and short-term investments at November 30, 2003, ensuring that the Trust Company can easily meet its financial commitments.

### OTHER CORPORATE EXPENSES

### **Interest Expense**

Interest expense (included in the AGF consolidated financial statements segment information note under "Other") increased by 4.4% to \$9.7 million in fiscal 2003 from \$9.3 million in the prior year as a result of higher average outstanding loan balances in 2003. The Corporation repaid \$114.0 million of long-term debt during fiscal 2003, primarily during the second half of the year.

Except for the interest rate swap arrangements, which fixed the interest rates on an average of \$45.8 million of the outstanding loan balance at an average rate of 5.53% per annum, interest rates paid on the bank loans were floating based on the prevailing bankers' acceptance rates.

### **Income Taxes**

The Corporation recorded an income tax expense of \$73.2 million in fiscal 2003, compared to \$43.6 million in the prior year. The significant factors impacting the Corporation's effective income tax rate for fiscal years 2003 and 2002 were as follows:

Years ended November 30	2003	2002
Canadian corporate tax rate	36.7%	38.8%
Change in future federal and provincial income tax rates	34.3	(1.4)
Deductible charitable donations	_	(5.7)
Rate differential on earnings of subsidiaries	(8.2)	(6.4)
Tax benefit of losses of foreign subsidiaries not recognized	0.9	1.4
Amortization of intangible assets	0.6	(0.8)
Tax-exempt investment income and capital gains and		
write-down of short-term investments	(2.3)	0.1
Other	0.5	0.7
Effective income tax rate	62.5%	26.7%

The Corporation's effective income tax rate for fiscal 2003 was 62.5% versus the corporate statutory rate of 36.7%. The increase in the effective income tax rate related primarily to the repeal of scheduled Ontario income tax rate reductions for 2004 to 2006 and the increase in the Ontario corporate income tax rate to 14% effective January 1, 2004. This resulted in an increase in future income tax expense of \$40.2 million, which was recorded in the fourth quarter of the year ended November 30, 2003, and increased the effective income tax rate by 34.3%.

As at November 30, 2003, the future income tax liability was \$285.2 million, as compared with \$272.2 million as at November 30, 2002. Approximately 47% (2002 - 52%) of the future income tax liability balance arose from the deduction for income tax purposes of the full amount of selling commissions paid in a year as compared with the amortization of such selling commissions for accounting purposes over six to eight years. The remaining future income tax liability balance relates primarily to the impact of business combinations where the accounting values of the acquired assets and liabilities differ from their tax values.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash flow generated from operating activities (before net change in non-cash balances related to operations) was \$208.5 million for the year ended November 30, 2003, compared to \$267.0 million in the prior year, a decrease of \$58.5 million or 21.9%.

The Corporation's free cash flow (defined as cash flow from operations less selling commissions paid) was \$162.8 million for the year ended November 30, 2003, compared to \$166.2 million in the prior year. In fiscal 2003, AGF paid \$45.8 million in selling commissions compared to \$100.9 million in 2002. The Corporation's free cash flow was used primarily to fund the following:

(\$ MILLIONS)		
Decrease in long-term debt	\$ 114.0	
Payment of dividends	27.2	
Purchase of property, equipment and other intangible assets	14.5	
Repurchase of Class B shares	8.6	
Acquisitions and investments (net)	4.6	

The Corporation's strong free cash flow during fiscal 2003 permitted a substantial reduction of long-term debt by \$114.0 million. As a result, the long-term debt to equity ratio decreased significantly from 0.25:1 as at November 30, 2002 to 0.13:1 as at November 30, 2003.

During fiscal 2003, the Corporation used \$8.6 million of its free cash flow to repurchase 503,300 Class B shares of AGF at an average price of \$17.02 per share.

Consolidated cash and short-term investments amounted to \$108.0 million as at November 30, 2003, down from \$144.7 million a year ago. Most of the decline is due to a \$33.3 million decrease in cash in the Trust Company, which continues to rapidly grow its consumer loan programs. Cash levels prior to the RSP season can fluctuate substantially from year to year in anticipation of funding requirements for these loans.

The Corporation has a 10-year, prime rate-based revolving term loan facility to a maximum of \$150.0 million, of which \$95.7 million was available to be drawn as at November 30, 2003. This debt is drawn on the basis of floating interest rates of which a portion has been converted to fixed rates (see section entitled "Hedging Activities"). This facility will be available to meet future operational or investment needs. The Corporation anticipates that cash flow from operations, together with the available loan facility, will be sufficient in the foreseeable future to implement its business plan, to finance selling commissions, to satisfy regulatory requirements, to service debt repayment obligations, to meet capital spending needs and to pay quarterly dividends.

### **HEDGING ACTIVITIES**

The Corporation has entered into three interest rate swap transactions, which expire between October 28, 2007 and January 27, 2008. These swap transactions convert the floating interest rates paid by the Corporation on \$39.8 million of its outstanding bank loans into fixed interest rates of 5.47% to 5.56% per annum. The Corporation would have to pay approximately \$1.7 million to the counter-party if these swap transactions were terminated at November 30, 2003.

The Corporation has also entered into the following derivative contracts to hedge the currency exposure in respect of its foreign investments:

- > Foreign exchange forward contracts to sell U.K. £50.0 million on November 29, 2004 at an average exchange rate of 2.1820 for CDN\$109,102,000; and
- A cross-currency swap transaction expiring on November 29, 2004 that involves the exchange of three-month bankers' acceptance floating interest rates on CDN\$3.3 million for a fixed interest rate of 0.67% per annum on Japanese ¥256.0 million.

### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK**

The Corporation's main foreign exchange risk derives from the U.S. and international portfolio securities held in the mutual funds under management. Change in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to foreign currencies will cause fluctuations in the Canadian dollar value of non-Canadian AUM upon which the Corporation's management fees are calculated. The Corporation monitors this risk but, due to the active management of these funds, does not believe that hedging the movements of the Canadian dollar for this risk is appropriate. From time to time, an AGF fund itself may enter into foreign exchange contracts to hedge foreign exchange exposure on U.S. and international securities held by the fund.

The Corporation is subject to immaterial foreign exchange risk on its integrated foreign subsidiaries in Ireland and Singapore that provide investment advisory services. These subsidiaries retain minimal monetary exposure to the local currency, their revenues are calculated in Canadian dollars and the local currency expenses are comparatively small.

The Corporation does actively hedge its net U.K. pound exposure on the investment in an associated company, as described in the previous section, Hedging Activities.

### INTEREST RATE RISK

Excluding the AGF Trust operations, the Corporation is exposed to the risk related to changes in interest rates on \$90.3 million of floating rate debt at November 30, 2003. The effect of a 1% change in variable interest rates on this debt in fiscal 2003 would have resulted in a change of approximately \$0.9 million in interest expense for the year ended November 30, 2003. As the amount of interest paid is small relative to the Corporation's operating cash flow, such a change in interest rates would not have a material impact on the results of operations of the Corporation or the fair value of the related debt.

For the AGF Trust operations, the impact of a 1% change in interest rates will be a change of annual net interest income of approximately \$0.1 million.

### MARKET RISK

The Corporation's revenue stream from net management and advisory fees is subject to market risk, as these management and advisory fees are based on the value of assets under management. In fiscal 2003, average daily mutual fund AUM declined by 16.2% and net management and advisory fee revenue declined by 18.6%. The Corporation does not hedge this risk as the mutual fund portfolios are actively managed with a goal to maximizing their value for unitholders.

The Corporation is exposed to equity market risk on the \$19.1 million in short-term investments, which are comprised primarily of seed capital for certain mutual funds launched by the Corporation. These are recorded at the lower of cost and market value.

### **BUSINESS STRATEGY**

The focus of the Corporation's strategy for 2004 is to strengthen the core wealth management business, while at the same time, actively continuing the diversification of revenue sources, both by industry and geographically.

The objective of market share growth in the core mutual fund business will be supported by the strengthening of the internal investment management team, the above-average investment performance results achieved by the AGF funds over the past year, reinforcement of the AGF brand, high client service levels, various asset retention and sales focus strategies and the building of strategic partnerships with key distributors. Products and services, including Trust Company offerings, will continue to be expanded along the wealth continuum to meet the needs of investors and advisors at all stages of their investment lives.

The continuing diversification of the Corporation's revenue sources will focus primarily on the integration of administration and systems capabilities within Unisen, so as to be positioned to take full advantage of the trend in the investment fund industry towards outsourcing of administrative functions. Global initiatives will be concentrated on wealth management and third-party administration activities in markets, which management believes to have above-average growth potential.

### SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On January 15, 2004, the Corporation completed the acquisition of 100% of the shares of P.J. Doherty & Associates Co. Ltd., an investment counselling firm for high-net-worth individuals and institutions based in Ottawa, Ontario. Cash consideration paid was \$10.4 million, with potential future payments of up to \$1.3 million due January 2005 contingent on the business achieving certain revenue targets.

The Corporation has taken steps to improve its mutual fund sales performance and maintain redemption levels within historical ranges. Merging funds and streamlining external investment managers will help to focus sales efforts to products that will have the greatest potential for increased sales.

Global equity markets have improved considerably in recent months, which have resulted in an increase in the Corporation's assets under management. Net management fee revenue is directly related to the level of AUM. Though the Corporation has experienced net redemptions of mutual funds over the past 12 months, gross redemptions have declined \$523 million or 11.5% from the prior year. Management believes that continued gains by global equity markets will lead to improved sales of AGF's equity mutual funds.

There were a number of highlights in the Corporation's fund management area that occurred during 2003, which should provide a solid foundation for strong asset growth during 2004. First, continuing strong performance from AGF International Advisors on its international portfolio mandates helped AGF European Equity Class receive the "European Equity Fund of the Year" award for the third straight year. Second, AGF Global Government Bond Fund won "Fund of the Year" in its category for the second straight year, reflecting AGF's strong fixed income team. Third, AGF's equity and balanced managers, employing the growth style, were well positioned for the significant equity market rebound fuelled by very low U.S. interest rates and a rapidly expanding economy. Fourth, AGF's specialty funds continued to perform well. The fiscal 2003 performance numbers of AGF China Focus Class (+45.2%), AGF Canadian Resources Fund (+49.3%), and AGF Precious Metals Fund (+112.2%) reflect the impact that the Chinese economy is having on world markets. For the year, 85% of AGF fund assets performed above the median.

In planning for the future, a number of funds were merged in 2003 and manager changes enacted. AGF has broadened its Canadian equity offering to include value style products, which complement the Canadian growth style. In addition, AGF continues to make enhancements to its highly successful Harmony product, which is expected to continue as one of the industry leaders in its market segment.

Management believes these positive changes place the Corporation's products in a strong position with fund distributors, once investors begin to increase their level of mutual fund investing. Notwithstanding the benefit of new mutual fund sales, appreciation in the market value of AGF funds has a much greater positive impact on the Corporation's profitability and cash flows. Operationally, AGF is well positioned to take advantage of favourable market conditions through its consolidation of investment managers, focusing resources on continuing to build on its successful investment management strength and achieving efficiencies in transfer agency operations by moving to one technology platform to reap the benefits of greater scale. AGF is particularly well positioned to take advantage of a likely recovery of investor interest in U.S. and international equity funds.

The trend to outsourcing presents market opportunities for Unisen. In 2004, Unisen will focus on revenue growth through new client acquisition and by providing additional services to the existing client base. Unisen is also expected to achieve further cost synergies once the migration of all third-party unitholder record-keeping clients onto Unitrax is completed by mid-2004.

Industry consolidation is expected to continue, especially in the high-net-worth investment management business, as companies seek to achieve greater economies of scale and benefit from access to additional distribution channels to meet the strong growth in this market segment. The Corporation believes it is well positioned to meet the challenges of a changing marketplace as it has embraced the concept of the wealth continuum and has taken steps to provide the services and products to meet evolving investor preferences.

### RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

### **Hedging Relationships**

The CICA has issued Accounting Guideline 13 "Hedging Relationships" ("AcG 13"), which will be effective for the Corporation's fiscal year beginning December 1, 2003. AcG 13 addresses the identification, designation, documentation and assessment of effectiveness of hedging transactions for the purpose of applying hedge accounting.

Under the new quideline the Corporation will be required to document its hedging transactions and demonstrate that the hedges are sufficiently effective in order to continue to be able to use hedge accounting for positions hedged with derivatives.

The Corporation reviewed its hedging relationships as of December 1, 2003, and determined that its crosscurrency swap transaction and certain interest rate swap transactions will not qualify for hedge accounting. As such, the Corporation will record these derivatives at fair value, which will increase both assets and liabilities as at December 1, 2003 by \$1.4 million. The deferred asset will be amortized over the remaining term of the hedge. In each subsequent reporting period, the change in fair value of these derivatives will be recorded as income or expense for the period.

Certain other interest rate swaps entered into by the AGF Trust Company are designated as hedges, and the interest payable or receivable under the swap transactions will be accrued and recorded as interest expense.

The foreign exchange forward contracts used to hedge the investment in Smith & Williamson Holdings Limited ("S&WHL") are designated as hedges and will qualify for hedge accounting. The unrealized foreign exchange gains or losses on the forward contracts will be recorded in a separate component of shareholders' equity as a foreign currency translation adjustment.

### Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (VIEs)

In June 2003, the CICA issued AcG 15, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities". AcG 15 provides guidance for applying consolidation principles to certain entities that are subject to control on a basis other than ownership of voting interests. AcG 15 is effective for all annual and interim periods beginning on or after November 1, 2004. The CICA is continuing to assess a variety of issues related to this guideline, including its applicability to the mutual fund industry. The resolution of these issues could influence the estimated impact of implementing this guideline.

The Corporation is currently evaluating the impact of applying AcG 15 and has not yet completed its analysis.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD & A contains certain forward-looking statements that are made based on management's judgment and expectations, but are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties beyond management and the Corporation's control. These risks and uncertainties include economic conditions, market fluctuations, interest rate and foreign exchange movements, political events, regulatory change and competitive developments. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements.

## corporate governance practices

The corporate governance practices established by the Corporation are consistent with the Toronto Stock Exchange's Guidelines for Corporate Governance. The Corporation will continue to review its corporate governance practices in light of ongoing developments in this area. In particular, the Corporation will monitor recent guideline changes proposed by the securities regulatory authorities. The Corporation and its subsidiaries are engaged in highly regulated businesses and must comply with all the legislative and regulatory requirements for such businesses, including those of securities commissions and regulators of financial institutions.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Mandate of the Board

The Corporation's Board has responsibility for the stewardship of the Corporation and discharges that responsibility by supervising the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. The Board has a written mandate, which is reviewed annually. The Board reviews and discusses with management, at least annually, all material relating to the strategic plan, which takes into account the risks and opportunities of the business. The Board also approves any transaction having a significant impact on the strategic plan and other significant decisions that affect the Corporation and its subsidiaries. The Board assesses the effectiveness of the Board Committees based on reports from the Committees. The Board appoints the Chief Executive Officer and other senior management, and discusses succession planning with management. In order to monitor the affairs of the Corporation, the Board meets with senior executives on a regular basis to receive and consider reports on the affairs of the Corporation. The Board expects these reports to be comprehensive, accurate and timely. The Board approves all material communications to shareholders including press releases. The Board receives and approves annual and interim reports to shareholders, including annual and interim financial statements and management discussion and analysis. In the year ended November 30, 2003, the Board met 10 times.

### Board Representation and Independence from Management

The majority of the members of the Board are unrelated to the Corporation and its subsidiaries, meaning they are free from any interest and any business or other relationship that could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with their ability to act with a view to the best interest of the Corporation, other than interest arising from shareholding. These directors are Douglas L. Derry, Stuart E. Eagles, David King, Winthrop H. Smith, Jr. and William Morneau. Mr. Walter A. Keyser is an outside director and is "independent" from the Corporation, apart from membership on the boards of directors of other companies controlled directly or indirectly by Mr. C. Warren Goldring.

Representatives of management on the Board are Mr. C. Warren Goldring, Mr. W. Robert Farquharson and Mr. Blake C. Goldring, all of whom are "significant shareholders". Mr. C. Warren Goldring, the Corporation's Chairman, together with trusts for the benefit of the Goldring family, owns, directly or indirectly, 80% of the outstanding Class A voting common shares of the Corporation. Mr. W. Robert Farquharson, the Corporation's Vice-Chairman and Chief Investment Officer, owns, directly or indirectly, the remaining 20% of the Class A voting common shares. Each of Messrs. C. W. Goldring and W. R. Farquharson also owns a significant number of Class B non-voting shares.

### Committees of the Board

The Board has established three Committees: the Audit Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Compensation Committee. The mandate of each Committee is described below. Each independent director who serves as Chairman of a Committee is responsible for directing the meetings of the Committee and is responsible for ensuring that the roles and responsibilities of the Committee have been met. Each Committee examines its effectiveness in fulfilling its roles and responsibilities on an annual basis and reports its findings to the Board. The Committees may convene meetings without management present whenever the Committees feel it is necessary. Each Chairman also acts as a liaison between management and the Board.

### **Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has six members: Stuart E. Eagles (Chair), Douglas L. Derry, Walter A. Keyser, David King, William Morneau and Winthrop H. Smith, Jr., all of whom are outside directors and five of whom are unrelated. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for developing the Corporation's approach to governance issues and is actively involved in assessing the Corporation's compliance with corporate governance guidelines, including evaluating the size of the Board, its Committees and the members of the Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee regularly reviews corporate governance developments and makes recommendations to the Board on all such matters. It also develops the mandate for the Board and for each Board Committee, which are reviewed annually by the Committee in order to make recommendations for any changes to the Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is also responsible for reviewing and approving all individual directors' requests to engage an outside advisor at the Corporation's expense.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board proposed new directors for the Board, including establishing appropriate criteria for directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews director compensation for adequacy and form of compensation, ensuring the compensation is appropriate for the responsibilities and risks assumed by the directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee approves the Corporation's disclosure policy, which includes standards for communicating with analysts and the public. Additionally, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has developed a position description for the Chief Executive Officer, which is reviewed every three years. During the year ended November 30, 2003, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met three times. These meetings included sessions at which management was not present.

### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee has five members: Douglas L. Derry (Chair), Stuart E. Eagles, David King, William Morneau and Winthrop H. Smith, Jr., all of whom are outside and unrelated directors. All members of the Audit Committee are financially literate. The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the oversight of the work of the external auditors and has the responsibility to recommend the appointment, subject to shareholder approval, and to review the independence of the Corporation's external auditors. The Audit Committee is responsible for conducting such review and inquiry of management and the internal and external auditors as it deems necessary towards establishing that the Corporation and its subsidiaries are applying appropriate systems of internal controls to address the principal risks of the Corporation, and to fulfill legislative and regulatory requirements. The effectiveness of internal controls in managing principal risk exposures are reviewed and evaluated by the Corporation's internal auditors, who report to the Audit Committee at least quarterly. The Audit Committee reviews and makes a report to the Board before the approval of the annual and interim financial statements and MD & A. The Audit Committee routinely meets with the internal and external auditors without management's presence. During the year ended November 30, 2003, the Audit Committee met four times.

### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee has six members: William Morneau (Chair), Douglas L. Derry, Stuart E. Eagles, Walter A. Keyser, David King and Winthrop H. Smith, Jr., all of whom are outside directors and five of whom are unrelated. The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving base salaries, bonuses, long-term incentives, retirement benefits and other compensation for executive officers. The Compensation Committee also reviews processes and policies for establishing compensation and benefit levels, including the granting of stock options. Directors are encouraged to own Class B non-voting shares, including by participating in the AGF Share Purchase Plan. Executive Officers of AGF who are also directors do not receive any compensation for their services in their capacities as directors. For further information refer to AGF's Annual Filing of Reporting Issuer Form 28, which can be accessed at www.sedar.com. During the year ended November 30, 2003, the Compensation Committee met three times.

### Orientation and Education

The Corporation has established a system of orientation and ongoing education for its directors. As part of this program, the Corporation provides directors with updates on the mutual fund and financial services industries and briefings on industry practices relating to corporate governance and other relevant issues.

### **Shareholder Communication**

The Corporation believes that shareholder communication and feedback are essential. This belief is based on the stake shareholders have in the Corporation's business and the importance to shareholders of ensuring that trading prices and volumes of the Corporation's Class B non-voting shares are not adversely affected by a lack of information in the marketplace. The Chief Executive Officer or another senior officer of the Corporation promptly responds to shareholder inquiries.

### Code of Ethics

All directors, officers and employees of the Corporation and its subsidiaries are subject to a Code of Ethics that outlines the standards by which they must conduct themselves in their business dealings. Compliance with the Code is a matter of utmost importance and a breach of any of its provisions is grounds for a warning, revision of responsibilities, suspension or dismissal with or without notice, depending on the particular circumstances. The Code sets out specific rules dealing with conflicts of interest, confidential information, insider trading, personal trading by investment managers and others with access to information used in making investment decisions, and a variety of other matters. From time to time, as appropriate, the Code is supplemented by memoranda delivered to directors, officers and employees clarifying or expanding provisions of the Code.

### auditors' report

JANUARY 23, 2004

To the Shareholders of AGF Management Limited:

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of AGF Management Limited as at November 30, 2003 and 2002 and the consolidated statements of income, retained earnings and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended November 30, 2003. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at November 30, 2003 and 2002 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Price anterhouse Coopers LLP

Chartered Accountants Toronto, Canada

## AGF MANAGEMENT LIMITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

November 30	2003	200
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and term deposits	\$ 5,838	\$ 8,50
Short-term investments	19,065	19,88
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	55,835	55,91
	80,738	84,29
Investment in associated company (note 7)	108,692	35,90
Other investments	8,811	78,80
Management contracts	473,670	473,67
Customer contracts, relationships and investment advisory contract	ts,	
net of accumulated amortization of \$37,051 (2002 - \$18,913)	101,918	126,61
Deferred selling commissions, net of accumulated		
amortization of \$570,900 (2002 - \$453,907)	394,839	466,05
Property, equipment and other intangible assets,		
net of accumulated amortization (note 11)	59,769	53,85
Goodwill (notes 4 and 6)	148,165	144,01
	1,376,602	1,463,20
Trust Company Assets		
Cash and term deposits	83,067	116,32
Accounts receivable and other assets	7,216	7,75
Investments	5,793	4,85
Mortgages and consumer loans	494,318	382,77
	590,394	511,71
	\$ 1,966,996	\$ 1,974,92

## AGF MANAGEMENT LIMITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

November 30	2003	2002
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 46,335	\$ 52,867
Long-term debt due within one year (note 14)	41,371	40,369
Income taxes payable	18,148	8,984
	105,854	102,220
Long-term debt (note 14)	114,114	225,403
Participation units (note 15)	6,157	6,157
Future income taxes (note 10)	285,207	272,197
Leasehold inducements	1,493	1,441
Eddonor madesmino	512,825	607,418
Trust Company Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	15,661	10,868
Deposits	535,200	469,068
,	550,861	479,938
Shareholders' Equity		
Capital stock (note 8)	395,168	390,840
Retained earnings	506,274	495,819
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,868	907
	903,310	887,566
	\$ 1,966,996	\$ 1,974,920

Approved by the Board:

C. Warren Goldring

Director

Douglas L. Derry Director (IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

Years ended November 30	2003	 2002
Revenue		
Net management and advisory fees \$	405,740	\$ 498,400
Administration fees and other revenue	106,022	86,071
Deferred sales charges	40,543	43,477
Gain on sale of investment in associated company (note 7)	12,758	
Investment income	1,082	2,200
	566,145	 630,148
Trust Company interest, dividends and administration fees	34,687	23,95
	600,832	654,103
Expenses		
Selling, general and administrative	150,410	130,50
Trailing commissions	102,758	127,87
Investment advisory fees	30,591	45,05
Amortization of deferred selling commissions	116,993	114,20
Amortization of customer contracts, relationships and		
investment advisory contracts	18,138	15,70
Amortization of property, equipment and other intangible assets (note 1)	1) 21,414	17,27
Interest expense	9,663	9,25
Integration costs (note 20)	5,400	6,50
Write-down of short-term investments	643	1,36
	456,010	467,73
Trust Company Expenses		
Interest on deposits	18,570	14,14
General and administrative	7,062	7,40
Provision for Ioan Iosses	1,967	1,42
The state of the s	27,599	22,96
	483,609	490,70
Income before income taxes and non-controlling interest	117,223	163,40
Income Taxes (note 10)		
Current	62,052	52,69
Future	11,155	(9,05)
	73,207	43,64
Net income before non-controlling interest	44,016	119,75
Non-controlling interest share of loss of subsidiary	- Mary	8:
Net income for the year \$	44,016	\$ 119,83
Earnings Per Share		
Basic \$	0.48	\$ 1.3
Diluted \$	0.47	\$ 1.30

## AGF MANAGEMENT LIMITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF RETAINED EARNINGS

(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

Years ended November 30	2003	 2002
Retained earnings, beginning of year	\$ 495,819	\$ 402,964
Net income for the year	44,016	119,839
	539,835	522,803
Deduct: Dividends on Class A and Class B shares	27,150	22.077
(29.5¢ per share; 2002 - 25.5¢ per share)	27,150	22,967
Excess paid over average issue price of Class B shares purchased for cancellation	6.411	4,017
parenassa for cancellation	 33,561	 26,984
Retained earnings, end of year	\$ 506,274	\$ 495,819

(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

Years ended November 30	2003	 2002
Operating Activities		
Net income for the year \$	44,016	\$ 119,839
Items not affecting cash -		
Amortization of deferred selling commissions	116,993	114,209
Amortization of customer contracts, relationships and		,
investment advisory contracts	18,138	15,702
Amortization of property, equipment and other intangible assets		17,835
Future income taxes	11,155	(9,050
Gain on sale of investment in associated company (note 7)	(12,758)	
Other	8,674	8,478
Other Control of the	208,544	 267,013
Net (increase) decrease in non-cash balances related to operations	4,455	 (23
	212,999	 266,777
Financing Activities	(0.000)	
Net change in Class B shares	(2,083)	(2,950
Dividends	(27,150)	(22,96)
Net (decrease) increase in bank loan	(104,900)	69,600
Decrease in notes and instalment payable	(9,092)	(15,23
Increase in leasehold inducements	160	1,44
Increase in Trust Company deposits	66,132	 250,622
	(76,933)	 280,510
Investing Activities	/AE 700)	/4.00.05/
Deferred selling commissions paid	(45,782)	(100,850
Investment in associated company	(604)	(77,94
Settlement of hedge of investment in associated company	6,528	(1,03
Acquisition of third-party administration business	6,555	(25,50
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	(10,530)	(42,82
Purchase of property, equipment and other intangible assets	(14,528)	(26,05)
Purchase of investments		(57
Purchase of investments-Trust Company	(938)	
Increase in Trust Company mortgages and consumer loans	(113,506)	 (180,61
	(172,805)	 (455,39
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(36,739)	91,88
Balance of cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	144,709	52,82
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Balance of cash and cash equivalents, end of year \$	107,970	\$ 144,70
Represented by:		
Cash and term deposits \$	5,838	\$ 8,50
Trust Company cash and term deposits	83,067	116,32
Short-term investments	19,065	19,884
Short-term investments		\$ 144,709

### notes to consolidated financial statements

FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2003 AND 2002 (IN DOLLARS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE STATED)

### **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

AGF Management Limited ("AGF") is incorporated under the Business Corporations Act (Ontario). AGF is an integrated, global wealth management corporation whose principal subsidiaries provide mutual fund management and distribution, private investment management for high-net-worth clients, trust products and services (including mortgage and investment lending and deposit-taking activities), investment advisory services, third-party fund administration services and investment industry software development for individual and institutional clients. AGF conducts the management and distribution of mutual funds in Canada under the brand names AGF and Harmony (collectively, the "AGF Funds"). AGF conducts its third-party fund administration services and investment industry software development under the names Unisen and Jewelstone in Canada and Investmaster in the U.K.

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### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

#### Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of AGF and all of its directly and indirectly owned subsidiaries and partnership (collectively referred to as the "Corporation"). The principal entities of AGF are:

AGF Funds Inc.

AGF International Advisors Company Limited

AGF Asset Management Asia Ltd.

AGF Private Investment Management Limited

AGF Trust Company ("Trust Company")

AGF Securities (Canada) Limited

AGF Securities, Inc.

AGF Limited Partnership 1998

AGF International Company Limited

Consort Information Systems Limited

Investmaster Group Limited

Jewelstone Systems Inc. ("Jewelstone")

Unisen Inc.

20/20 Financial Corporation

### Revenue Recognition

Management and advisory fees are based on the net asset value of funds under management and are recognized on an accrual basis. These fees are shown net of management fee rebates and distribution fees payable to third-party selling commission financing entities.

Administration fees and other revenue are recognized on an accrual basis when the services are performed.

Deferred sales charge ("DSC") revenue is received from investors when mutual fund securities sold on a DSC basis are redeemed. DSC revenue is recognized on the trade date of redemption of the applicable mutual fund securities.

### **Income Taxes**

The Corporation uses the liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, future income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities. These differences are remeasured at each period end using the substantively enacted tax rates and laws that are expected to be in effect in the periods in which the future income tax assets or liabilities are expected to be realized or settled.

### **Foreign Currency Translation**

The financial statements of integrated foreign subsidiaries are translated using the temporal method. Under this method, monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date. Non-monetary assets are translated at historical exchange rates. Revenue and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the period, except for amortization, which is translated on the same basis as the related asset. Translation gains and losses are included in net income.

Investments in foreign associated companies and any related debt and foreign exchange forward contracts are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date. Unrealized translation gains and losses are reported in a séparate component of shareholders' equity as a foreign currency translation adjustment. See note 3, Future Accounting Policy Changes.

### Investments

Short-term investments are carried at the lower of cost and market value. Long-term investments are carried at cost and are written down when there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline.

### **Deferred Selling Commissions**

Selling commissions paid on mutual fund securities sold on a DSC basis are recorded at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over a period which corresponds with the applicable DSC schedule (which ranges from six to eight years). Unamortized deferred selling commissions are written down to the extent that the carrying value exceeds the expected future revenue on an undiscounted basis.

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment, which is comprised of furniture and equipment, computer hardware, leasehold improvements and equipment under capital lease, is stated at cost, net of accumulated amortization. Amortization is computed on the following methods based on the estimated useful lives of these assets:

Furniture and equipment 20% declining balance Computer hardware 30% declining balance

Leasehold improvements straight-line over term of lease Computer equipment under capital lease straight-line over term of lease

### **Goodwill and Management Contracts**

On December 1, 2001, AGF adopted CICA Handbook section 3062, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". The purchase price of acquisitions accounted for under the purchase method and the purchase price of investments accounted for under the equity method are allocated based on the fair values of the net identifiable assets acquired, including management contracts. The excess of the purchase price over the values of such assets is recorded as goodwill. Management contracts have been determined to have an indefinite life.

Goodwill and management contracts are not amortized, but are subject to impairment tests on at least an annual basis. Goodwill is allocated to the reporting units and any impairment is identified by comparing the carrying value of a reporting unit with its fair value. If any impairment is indicated, then it is quantified by comparing the carrying value of goodwill to its fair value, based on the fair value of the assets and liabilities of the reporting unit. As of November 30, 2003, AGF has completed its annual impairment testing on the carrying values of goodwill and management contracts. No impairment losses were required to be recognized as a result of this testing.

### Finite Life Intangible Assets

Finite life intangible assets, which are comprised of customer contracts, relationships and investment advisory contracts, computer software, television production and program rights, are stated at cost, net of accumulated amortization. Amortization is computed on the following methods based on the estimated useful lives of these assets:

Customer contracts and relationships Investment advisory contracts Computer software Television production Program rights straight-line over seven to 15 years straight-line over five years straight-line over three to five years straight-line over two years straight-line over five years

### Mortgages, Consumer Loans and Allowances

Mortgage loans are carried at amortized cost less principal repayments less any holdbacks, net of an allowance for mortgage losses. Interest income from mortgages is recorded on an accrual basis. Accrued but uncollected interest on uninsured mortgages is reversed when loans are placed on a non-accrual basis.

Consumer loans are carried at amortized cost less principal repayments, net of allowance for consumer loan losses. Interest income from consumer loans is recorded on an accrual basis. Loans are classified as non-accrual when, in the opinion of management, there is reasonable doubt as to the collectibility, either in whole or in part, of interest or principal or when principal or interest is past due 90 days, except where the loan is both well-secured and in the process of collection. In any event, a loan that is insured by the Federal Government or an agency thereof is classified as non-accrual when principal or interest is past due 365 days, or in the case of other mortgage loans, when they are contractually in arrears for 180 days. Thereafter, interest income is recognized on a cash basis only after specific provision for losses has been recovered and provided there is no further doubt as to the collectibility of the principal.

The allowance for mortgage and consumer loan losses consists of both specific and general provisions. Specific provisions relate to individual loans that, in the opinion of management, are necessary to reflect the estimated realizable value of the particular loan. General provisions are based on management's assessment of probable, unidentified losses in the portfolio that have not been captured in the determination of the specific provisions. The assessment includes general economic factors and geographic exposure.

### **Stock Option Plans**

The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") issued a new accounting standard requiring the use of the fair value-based method of accounting for stock-based compensation. The Corporation adopted this standard for the year ended November 30, 2003 on a prospective basis. Stock option plans are described in note 8(d) and a description of the change in accounting policy is outlined in note 2.

### Earnings Per Share (EPS)

On December 1, 2001, AGF adopted CICA Handbook section 3500, "Earnings Per Share." Basic and diluted earnings per share have been computed using the weighted average number of Class A and Class B shares outstanding during the year. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilutive effect of outstanding stock options as computed using the treasury stock method.

### **Use of Estimates**

In preparing these financial statements, management must make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses and the related disclosures. Actual results may be different from those estimates.

# 2. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

### **Stock-Based Compensation**

On December 1, 2002, AGF adopted the CICA Handbook Section 3870, "Stock-Based Compensation and Other Stock-Based Payments" for stock options granted on or after that date. Under this standard, the fair value of stock options are determined on their grant date and recorded as compensation expense over the period that the stock options vest. During 2003 the Corporation granted 130,000 options and recorded \$50,000 in compensation expense in respect of the options granted during the year. The fair value of options granted during 2003 has been estimated at \$6.10 per share using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following assumptions were used to determine the fair value of the options on the date of grant:

Risk-free interest rate	4.63%
Expected dividend yield	1.68%
Expected share price volatility	33.19%
Option term	7.0 years

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### **Hedging Relationships**

The CICA has issued Accounting Guideline 13 "Hedging Relationships" ("AcG 13"), which will be effective for the Corporation's fiscal year beginning December 1, 2003. AcG 13 addresses the identification, designation, documentation and assessment of effectiveness of hedging transactions for the purpose of applying hedge accounting.

Under the new guideline the Corporation will be required to document its hedging transactions and demonstrate that the hedges are sufficiently effective in order to continue to be able to use hedge accounting for positions hedged with derivatives.

The Corporation reviewed its hedging relationships as of December 1, 2003, and determined that its cross-currency swap transaction and certain interest rate swap transactions will not qualify for hedge accounting. As such, the Corporation will record these derivatives at fair value, which will increase both assets and liabilities as at December 1, 2003 by \$1.4 million. The deferred asset will be amortized over the remaining term of the hedge. In each subsequent reporting period, the change in fair value of these derivatives will be recorded as income or expense for the period.

Certain other interest rate swaps entered into by the AGF Trust Company are designated as hedges, and the interest payable or receivable under the swap transactions will be accrued and recorded as interest expense.

The foreign exchange forward contracts used to hedge the investment in Smith & Williamson Holdings Limited ("S&WHL") are designated as hedges and will qualify for hedge accounting. The unrealized foreign exchange gains or losses on the forward contracts will be recorded in a separate component of shareholders' equity as a foreign currency translation adjustment.

### Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (VIEs)

In June 2003, the CICA issued AcG 15, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities". AcG 15 provides guidance for applying consolidation principles to certain entities that are subject to control on a basis other than ownership of voting interests. AcG 15 is effective for all annual and interim periods beginning on or after November 1, 2004. The CICA is continuing to assess a variety of issues related to this guideline including its applicability to the mutual fund industry. The resolution of these issues could influence the estimated impact of implementing this guideline.

The Corporation is currently evaluating the impact of applying AcG 15 and has not yet completed its analysis.

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### ACQUISITION OF CONSORT INFORMATION SYSTEMS LIMITED

On April 17, 2003, the Corporation, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Investmaster Group Limited, acquired all of the outstanding shares of Consort Information Systems Limited ("CISL") for consideration of \$9.4 million, including acquisition costs of \$0.4 million. Cash consideration paid, including acquisition costs, amounted to \$8.3 million with a future payment of \$1.1 million due on January 31, 2006. CISL is based in the U.K. and is a supplier of customized software to the U.K. private client stockbroking industry. The acquisition is being accounted for by the purchase method of accounting with the results of operations of CISL included in the consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. The value attributed to the acquired software is being amortized on a straight-line basis over five years.

The fair value of the net assets acquired and consideration paid are summarized as follows:

	 \$(000s)	
Net Assets Acquired		
Cash	\$ 809	
Other current assets	1,889	
Property and equipment	264	
Software	9,473	
Goodwill	1,150	
Liabilities	(1,337)	
Future income taxes	(2,842)	
	\$ 9,406	
Consideration Paid (including acquisition costs)		
Cash	\$ 8,339	
Payment due January 31, 2006	1,067	
	\$ 9,406	

## 5.

# ACQUISITION OF THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS FROM THE TORONTO-DOMINION BANK

On January 31, 2002, the Corporation acquired The Toronto-Dominion Bank's third-party shareholder record-keeping and fund valuation business for cash consideration of \$25.5 million, including acquisition costs of \$0.5 million.

The transaction was an asset purchase and the entire purchase price was assigned to the intangible asset, customer contracts and relationships. The intangible asset is being amortized over its estimated useful life of seven years. The acquired business, which is based in Toronto, provides shareholder record-keeping and fund valuation services to a variety of investment management firms. The results of operations of the acquired business have been included in these consolidated financial statements since the closing date of the transaction.

The purchase price was subject to a clawback based on client revenues received during the 12-month period ending January 31, 2003. Based on this provision, a repayment of purchase price in the amount of \$6.6 million was received by the Corporation in the third quarter of fiscal 2003 and was recorded as a reduction in the value of customer contracts and relationships acquired.

### ACQUISITION OF JEWELSTONE SYSTEMS INC.

On September 15, 2002, the Corporation acquired all of the outstanding shares of Jewelstone Systems Inc. for consideration of \$59.7 million, including acquisition costs of \$0.5 million, with potential additional payments to a maximum of \$5.0 million payable on or before December 31, 2004, conditional on the achievement of certain operational targets. Jewelstone is based in Toronto and is a provider of transfer agency software to the Canadian investment fund industry. The acquisition has been accounted for by the purchase method of accounting with the results of operations of Jewelstone included in the consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. The value attributed to customer contracts is being amortized on a straight-line basis over 10 years and the value attributed to the acquired software is being amortized on a straight-line basis over five years.

The fair value of the net assets acquired and consideration paid are summarized as follows:

	 \$(000s)	
Net Assets Acquired		
Current assets	\$ 3,252	
Property and equipment	1,958	
Software	9,274	
Customer contracts	34,738	
Goodwill	29,754	
Liabilities	(5,318)	
Future income taxes	(14,007)	
	\$ 59,651	
Consideration Paid (including acquisition costs)		
Cash	\$ 42,822	
Receivable from vendors	(871)	
1,026,682 Class B shares issued	17,700	
	\$ 59,651	

Subsequent to the determination of the above purchase equation, additional payments of \$3.0 million were made to the vendors during 2003 based on the achievement of one of the operational targets set out in the share purchase agreement. These payments were attributed to goodwill.

### INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANY

During 2002, the Corporation increased its ownership interest in NCL (Securities) Limited ("NCL") through the purchase of additional shares to hold a 43.5% interest as at November 30, 2002. The investment was accounted for by the equity method. The purchase price allocation and consideration paid for the additional interest acquired during fiscal 2002 are summarized as follows:

	\$(000s)	
Net Assets Acquired		
Customer contracts	\$ 6,170	
Other net assets	1,781	
	\$ 7,951	
Consideration Paid		
Cash	\$ 7,951	

On December 2, 2002, the merger of NCL and Smith & Williamson Holdings Limited ("S&WHL") and the cash subscription by the Corporation of \$70.0 million of new capital in the enlarged business were completed. With the completion of the merger and subscription, the Corporation holds a 30.0% interest in S&WHL. S&WHL provides independent private client investment management, financial advisory and accounting services in the U.K.

The Corporation recognized a pre-tax capital gain of \$12.8 million in the year ended November 30, 2003, on the disposition of its investment in NCL with respect to the completion of the above transaction.

The investment is being accounted for by the equity method, with the Corporation's share of the results of operations of S&WHL included in the consolidated financial statements from the date of purchase. The purchase price allocation and consideration paid are summarized as follows:

	 \$(000s)	
Net Assets Acquired		
Net tangible assets	\$ 22,453	
Customer contracts and relationships	107,777	
Goodwill	21,369	
Future income taxes	(32,334)	
	\$ 119,265	
Consideration Paid (including acquisition costs)		
Cash	\$ 70,598	
Shares in NCL	48,667	
	\$ 119,265	

For the year ended November 30, 2003, the Corporation's share of the net earnings of S&WHL, net of amortization of customer contracts and relationships, amounted to \$110,000.

## 8.

### **CAPITAL STOCK**

- (a) Authorized Capital
  - The authorized capital of AGF consists of an unlimited number of Class B Non-Voting Shares ("Class B shares") and an unlimited number of Class A Voting Common Shares ("Class A shares"). The Class B shares are listed for trading on The Toronto Stock Exchange.
- (b) Movement During the Year

The movement in capital stock during 2002 and 2003 is summarized as follows:

	Number of		Amount
	shares issued		\$(000s)
Class B Shares			
Balance, November 30, 2001	89,280,587	\$	361,401
Issued on acquisition of subsidiary (note 6)	1,026,682		17,700
Issued on purchase of investment	319,614		7,261
Issued on repayment of instalment payable	200,876		3,411
Issued through dividend reinvestment plan	1,873		36
Stock options exercised	524,977		2,296
Purchased for cancellation	(311,500)		(1,265
Balance, November 30, 2002	91,043,109	\$	390,840
Issued through dividend reinvestment plan	9,047		141
Stock options exercised	1,665,867		6,343
Purchased for cancellation	(503,300)		(2,156
Balance, November 30, 2003	92,214,723	\$	395,168
Class A Shares			
Balance, November 30, 2003, 2002, and 2001	57,600		_
Total stated capital		s	395,168

### (c) Class B Shares Purchased For Cancellation

AGF has obtained applicable regulatory approval to purchase for cancellation, from time to time, certain of its Class B shares through the facilities of The Toronto Stock Exchange. Present approval for such purchases extends through to February 2004. It is the Corporation's intention to file for a one-year extension of the regulatory approval to purchase Class B shares for cancellation.

### (d) Stock Option Plans

AGF has established stock option plans for senior employees under which stock options to purchase an aggregate maximum of 4,097,670 Class B shares could have been granted as at November 30, 2003. Stock options are vested to the extent of 25% to 33% of the individual's entitlement per annum.

The movement in stock options during 2002 and 2003 is summarized as follows:

	Number of options	Weighted	d average cise price
Class B Share Options			
Balance outstanding, November 30, 2001	4,066,457	\$	9.61
Options granted	1,461,800	\$	18.18
Options cancelled	(19,333)	\$	21.38
Options exercised	(524,977)	\$	4.38
Balance outstanding, November 30, 2002	4,983,947	\$	12.60
Options granted	130,000	\$	17.24
Options cancelled	(178,000)	\$	20.54
Options exercised	(1,665,867)		3.81
Balance outstanding, November 30, 2003	3,270,080	\$	16.84

The following summarizes information about stock options outstanding as at November 30, 2003:

Range of exercise prices	Number of options outstanding	Weighted average remaining life	а	eighted everage e price	Number of options exercisable	ighted verage e price
\$ 2.73 to \$ 8.31	251,000	0.6 y	ears §	6.44	251,000	\$ 6.44
\$ 10.71 to \$ 11.81	766,630	2.2	\$	11.07	750,130	\$ 11.06
\$ 13.02 to \$ 14.52	747,000	5.8	\$	14.49	16,000	\$ 13.17
\$ 16.87 to \$ 20.73	414,700	4.7	\$	17.83	207,775	\$ 18.03
\$ 22.53 to \$ 23.53	686,300	5.3	\$	22.62	219,400	\$ 22.80
\$ 27.73	404,450	4.6	\$	27.73	202,225	\$ 27.73
	3,270,080	4.1	\$	16.84	1,646,530	\$ 14.87

### AGREEMENTS WITH MUTUAL FUNDS

The Corporation acts as manager for the AGF Funds and receives management and advisory fees from the AGF Funds in accordance with the respective agreements between the funds and the Corporation. In return, the Corporation is responsible for management and investment advisory services and all costs connected with the distribution of securities of the funds. Substantially all the management and advisory fees the Corporation earned in 2003 and 2002 were from the AGF Funds. As at November 30, 2003, the Corporation had \$22,409,000 (2002 - \$23,488,000) receivable from the AGF Funds. The Corporation also acts as trustee for the AGF Funds that are mutual fund trusts.

The Corporation directly provides unitholder services to the funds and is compensated for such services. These services are provided in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the amount of consideration agreed to by the parties. The aggregate unitholder services costs absorbed and management and advisory fees waived by the Corporation during the year were approximately \$4,842,000 (2002 - \$4,015,000).

### **INCOME TAXES**

(a) The Corporation's effective income tax rate is comprised as follows:

Years ended November 30	2003	2002
Canadian corporate tax rate	36.7%	38.8%
Change in future federal and provincial income tax rates	34.3 <sup>(2)</sup>	(1.4)
Deductible charitable donations	_	(5.7)
Rate differential on earnings of subsidiaries	(8.2)	(6.4)
Tax benefit of losses of foreign subsidiaries not recognized	0.9	1.4
Amortization of management contracts and goodwill	_	(2.7)
Amortization of customer contracts and relationships	0.6	1.9
Tax-exempt investment income and capital gains and write-down		
of short-term investments	(2.3)	0.1
Other	0.5	0.7
Effective income tax rate	62.5%	26.79

\$(000s)			
Years ended November 30		2003	 2002
Change in temporary differences	\$	(29,012)	\$ (13,516)
Tax rate changes		40,167(2)	 4,466
Future income tax expense (benefit)	t : \$	11,155	\$ (9,050)

<sup>(1)</sup> DURING FISCAL 2002, THE CORPORATION ACQUIRED ACCESS TO DEDUCTIBLE CHARITABLE DONATIONS GENERATING NET TAX BENEFITS OF \$9.3 MILLION.

(c) The tax effects of temporary differences which gave rise to future tax liabilities and assets are as follows:

November 30	2003	2002
Future Tax Asset (Liability)		
Deferred sales commissions	\$ (133,930)	\$ (142,761)
Deferred revenue	2,206	1,872
Undepreciated capital cost less than carrying values	(1,409)	(2,817
Loss carryforwards	2,006	2,558
Ontario corporate minimum tax	_	222
Integration costs	1,753	1,620
Share issue costs	862	1,211
Goodwill and management contracts	(156,783)	(134,055
Other	88	 (47
Future income tax liability	\$ (285,207)	\$ (272,197)

(d) As at November 30, 2003, certain subsidiaries of the Corporation have accumulated aggregate income tax losses of approximately \$18.2 million (2002 - \$16.7 million) that may be used to reduce taxable income in the future. These tax loss carry-forwards expire as follows:

 \$5.7 million
 2007 to 2010

 \$12.5 million
 no expiry date

The potential tax benefits of \$12.5 million of these losses have not been recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> THIS IS A RESULT OF THE REPEAL OF SCHEDULED ONTARIO INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTIONS FOR 2004 TO 2006 AND THE INCREASE IN THE ONTARIO CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE TO 14% EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 2004.

11.
PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

		Accumulated	
November 30, 2003	Cost	Amortization	Ne
Property and Equipment			
Furniture and equipment	\$ 21,705	\$ 11,912	\$ 9,793
Leasehold improvements	19,255	9,242	10,013
Computer hardware	46,840	32,673	14,167
Computer equipment under capital lease	4,191	837	3,354
Total property and equipment	91,991	54,664	37,327
Other Intangible Assets			
Computer software	48,675	26,233	22,442
Television production and program rights	6,955	6,955	
Total other intangible assets	55,630	33,188	22,44
	\$147,621	\$ 87,852	\$ 59,769

		Accumulated				
November 30, 2002						
		Cost		Amortization		Ne
Property and Equipment						
Furniture and equipment	\$ 1	9,630	\$	9,729	\$	9,90
Leasehold improvements	1	4,492		7,416		7,07
Computer hardware	۷	14,846		27,008		17,838
Total property and equipment	7	78,968		44,153		34,81
Other Intangible Assets						
Computer software	3	34,365		17,371		16,99
Television production and program rights		6,955		4,914		2,04
Total other intangible assets	4	1,320		22,285		19,035
	\$ 12	20,288	\$	66,438	\$	53,850

### 12.

#### COMMITMENTS

The Corporation is committed under operating leases for office premises and equipment, which require approximate minimum annual cash rental payments as follows:

	\$(000s)
2004	\$ 7,578
2005	7,646 6,478 6,350
2006	6,478
2007	6,350
2008	4,770 32,997
Thereafter	32,997

AGF Trust Company has outstanding mortgage commitments of \$14.3 million as at November 30, 2003 (2002 - \$22.3 million) at rates of interest prevailing at the time the commitments were issued. Any interest rate commitment has a term of less than 60 days.

### 13.

#### LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FINANCINGS

Selling commissions paid on certain sales of mutual fund securities of the AGF Funds made on the DSC basis ("DSC securities") have been financed by limited partnerships held by third-party investors. Up to November 30, 2003, such limited partnerships have financed selling commissions of approximately \$440 million in respect of such DSC securities. The Corporation is obligated to pay the relevant limited partnership an annual fee of 0.47% to 0.90% of the net asset value of DSC securities. The limited partnerships also receive any deferred sales charges resulting from the redemption of such securities. These obligations continue as long as such DSC securities remain outstanding except for certain of the limited partnerships, in which case the obligation terminates at various dates from December 31, 2006 to December 31, 2020. For certain limited partnerships the obligation.

The Corporation is responsible for the management and administration of the limited partnerships. These services are provided in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the amount of consideration agreed to by the parties. The amount of fees received in 2003 was \$943,000 (2002 - \$1,025,000). As at November 30, 2003, the net asset value of DSC securities financed by the limited partnerships was \$2.7 billion (2002 - \$3.1 billion).

# LONG-TERM DEBT

\$ 70,800 54,300 4,970	\$	106,200 123,800
\$ 54,300	\$	
\$ 54,300	\$	,
		123,800
4.970		
.,		9,938
21,230		25,140
1,067		-
2,883		408
235		286
155,485		265,772
41,371		40,369
\$	1,067 2,883 235 155,485 41,371	1,067 2,883 235 155,485 41,371

#### (a) Bank Loans

#### **Fully Amortizing Term Loan**

The Corporation has arranged a fully amortizing five-year term loan with a Canadian chartered bank, which is repayable in equal quarterly instalments over the period of 20 quarters following advance plus interest payable. The facility can be funded by direct advances and/or bankers' acceptances ("BAs"). At November 30, 2003, the Corporation has drawn the facility in the form of a 92-day BA at an effective interest rate of 3.21% per annum.

#### Revolving Term Loan

The Corporation has arranged a 10-year prime rate-based revolving term loan to a maximum of \$150.0 million with a Canadian chartered bank. Under the loan agreement, the Corporation is permitted to avail the revolving term loan by direct advances and/or bankers' acceptances. The revolving term loan is available at any time for a period of 364 days from commencement of the loan (the "Commitment Period"). The expiration of the current Commitment Period is June 30, 2004. However, the Corporation may request by April 15, 2004, and prior to April 15 in any calendar year thereafter, a recommencement of the 10-year term at the expiry of the then current Commitment Period. No repayment of the principal amount outstanding pursuant to the revolving term loan is required during the first three years of the then applicable term. Thereafter, the loan balance shall be repaid in minimum monthly instalments of at least one-eighty-fourth of the amount of principal outstanding.

As at November 30, 2003, the Corporation has drawn \$54.3 million against the available loan amount in the form of five to 91 day BAs at an effective interest rate of 3.18% per annum.

Security for the bank loans includes a specific claim over the management fees owing from the mutual funds (subject to the existing claims of related limited partnerships) for which the Corporation acts as manager and, depending upon the amount of the loan outstanding, an assignment of AGF's investments in 20/20 Financial Corporation and AGF International Company Limited.

#### (b) Notes Payable Due November 22, 2004

Amortizing notes payable relate to the acquisition of Global Strategy Holdings Inc. and are repayable in equal annual instalments of \$5.0 million. Interest is payable monthly based on the 30-day BA rate plus 0.40% per annum. The notes are secured by irrevocable letters of credit from a Canadian chartered bank.

#### (c) Notes Payable Due April 30, 2013

Proceeds from notes payable issued to Multi-Fund Income Trust ("Multi-Fund") were used to pay sales commissions incurred on the sale of units of the Global Strategy funds purchased on a contingent deferred sales charge basis from July 30, 1997 to June 30, 1998.

The notes payable bear interest at 5% per annum accrued daily and payable monthly. Monthly repayments of interest and principal are required until the full principal amount of the notes is repaid or April 30, 2013, whichever comes first. Monthly repayments are determined based on a specified percentage (up to 0.47% per annum) of the net asset value of mutual fund assets financed by Multi-Fund ("Distributed Securities"). Monthly repayments will also include all contingent deferred sales charges received by the Corporation related to Distributed Securities.

Multi-Fund has no recourse to any other assets of the Corporation to satisfy any amount payable in respect of the notes.

### (d) Capital Lease Obligations

The capital lease is based on an interest rate of 5.35% per annum and expires August 31, 2007. Minimum annual lease payments are as follows:

2004	\$ 848,000
2005	\$ 848,000
2006	\$ 848,000
2007	\$ 636,000

#### (e) Loan Notes Due September 30, 2004

Loan Notes are payable in British pounds. Interest is payable semi-annually at an interest rate that is reset semi-annually based on LIBOR.

### 15.

#### PARTICIPATION UNITS

Proceeds from participation units issued to Multi-Fund were used to pay sales commissions incurred on the sale of units of the Global Strategy funds purchased on a contingent deferred sales charge basis from July 30, 1997 to June 30, 1998.

After the notes payable referred to in note 14(c) are repaid in full and prior to April 30, 2013, Multi-Fund will be entitled to up to 0.52% per annum of the net asset value of then outstanding Distributed Securities (together with all contingent deferred sales charges relating to the Distributed Securities, if any) under the terms of the participation fee agreement.

The participation units have been accounted for as a deferred credit. If the notes payable are repaid in full prior to April 30, 2013, the deferred credit will be amortized over the remaining period to that date. Otherwise, the entire amount will be recognized as revenue on April 30, 2013.

### 16.

#### INTEREST RATE SWAP AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE HEDGE TRANSACTIONS

To fix the interest rate paid on a portion of its long-term debt, the Corporation has entered into three interest rate swap transactions (the "Swap Transactions") with a Canadian chartered bank. The Swap Transactions expire between October 28, 2007 and January 27, 2008. They involve the exchange of three-month bankers' acceptance floating interest rates for fixed interest rates of 5.47% to 5.56% per annum. As at November 30, 2003, the aggregate notional amount of the Swap Transactions was \$39.8 million (2002 - \$49.5 million). The aggregate fair value of the Swap Transactions, which represents the amount that would be paid by the Corporation if the transactions were terminated at November 30, 2003, was \$1,662,000 (2002 - \$2,036,000).

To hedge its currency exposure and to fix the interest rate on borrowings in connection with a Japanese yen-denominated investment, the Corporation has entered into a cross-currency swap transaction, which expires on November 29, 2004. It involves the exchange of three-month bankers' acceptance floating interest rates on a notional amount of CDN\$3,293,000 for a fixed interest rate of 0.67% per annum on a notional amount of JPY ¥256,000,000. The aggregate fair value of the cross-currency swap transaction, which represents the amount that would be received by the Corporation if the transaction was terminated at November 30, 2003, was \$254,000 (2002 - \$11,000).

To hedge its currency exposure in connection with its investment in U.K.-based S&WHL, an associated company, the Corporation has entered into foreign exchange forward contracts to sell U.K.£50,000,000 on November 29, 2004, at an average exchange rate of 2.1820 for CDN\$109,102,000. The fair value of the forward contracts at November 30, 2003, have been recorded in a separate component of shareholders' equity as a foreign currency translation adjustment.

To hedge its exposure to fluctuating interest rates, AGF Trust Company has entered into interest rate swap transactions with three Canadian chartered banks as noted below. The swap transactions expire between December 19, 2003 and November 30, 2008, and involve the exchange of either the one-month bankers' acceptance rate or the three-month bankers' acceptance rate, to receive fixed interest rates. As at November 30, 2003, the aggregate notional amount of the swap transactions was \$328,700,000. The aggregate fair value of the swap transactions, which represents the amount that would be received by AGF Trust Company if the transactions were terminated at November 30, 2003, was \$2,397,000 (2002 - \$1,747,000).

Notional Amount of Swap	Maturity Date	Fixed Interest Rate Received		
\$ 16,000,000	2003	3.90%		
94,500,000	2004	2.63% - 4.41%		
53,500,000	2005	3.06% - 4.17%		
42,000,000	2006	3.64% - 4.57%		
76,700,000	2007	3.74% - 5.11%		
46,000,000	2008	4.13% - 4.32%		

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#### INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY

The effect of a 1% change in interest rates will increase or decrease annual pre-tax income of the Corporation by approximately \$838,000.

### 18.

#### FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### (a) Wealth Management Operations

	Novembe	er 30, 2003	November 30, 2002			
	Carrying	Estimated	Carrying	Estimated		
	Value	Fair Value	Value	Fair Value		
Short-term investments	\$ 19,065	\$ 21,453	\$ 19,884	\$ 19,894		
Other investments	8,811	10,099	78,806	78,380		

The estimated fair value of securities with an available trading market is based on their quoted market value. Investments that have no trading market are valued based on management estimates using common valuation techniques.

Short-term investments include \$18,270,000 (2002 - \$18,615,000) in investments in various AGF Funds.

#### (b) Trust Company Operations

\$(000s)				
	Novemb	er 30, 2003	Novemb	er 30, 2002
	Carrying	Estimated	Carrying	Estimated
	Value	Fair Value	Value	Fair Value
Investments	\$ 5,793	\$ 6,451	\$ 4,855	\$ 5,267
Mortgages and consumer loans	494,318	497,174	382,779	387,241
	\$ 500,111	\$ 503,625	\$ 387,634	\$ 392,508
Deposits	\$ 535,200	\$ 540,606	\$ 469,068	\$ 475,491

The estimated fair value of securities with an available trading market is based on their quoted market value. The estimated fair value of loans and deposits is determined by discounting the future cash flow at prevailing interest rates for loans and deposits with similar terms and applicable credit risks.

As at November 30, 2003, the Corporation's mortgage portfolio was comprised substantially of fixed rate residential mortgages, of which \$140.0 million is insured, with a weighted average term to maturity of 1.8 years and a weighted average yield of 6.52% per annum. Consumer loans have floating interest rates based on prime.

The carrying value of mortgages is net of an allowance for mortgage losses of \$860,000 (2002 -\$735,000). The carrying value of the consumer loans is net of an allowance for loan losses of \$2,084,000 (2002 - \$1,473,000).

As at November 30, 2003, deposits were comprised substantially of guaranteed investment certificates with a weighted average term to maturity of 1.8 years and a weighted average interest rate of 4.12% per annum.

(c) Other financial assets and financial liabilities of the Corporation are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Interest payments in 2003 were \$28,333,000 (2002 - \$23,399,000). Income tax payments in 2003 were \$52,888,000 (2002 - \$51,473,000).

#### **INTEGRATION COSTS**

During fiscal 2002, AGF, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Unisen Inc., acquired The Toronto-Dominion Bank's third-party shareholder record-keeping and fund valuation business and Jewelstone Systems Inc.'s transfer agency system for the investment fund industry (see notes 5 and 6). Also, during 2002, a decision was made to commence migrating the transfer agency functions for the AGF Funds to Unisen early in fiscal year 2003.

As a result, the Corporation commenced the process of consolidating the various third-party record-keeping and fund valuation businesses in one location and developing plans to move all its transfer agency operations onto one information technology platform. In fiscal 2002, the Corporation recorded an integration charge of \$6.5 million in respect of this process, which included \$3.8 million relating to the write-down of certain lease-hold improvement and computer hardware assets, \$1.3 million in lease termination and other costs and \$1.4 million in costs for the integration of The Toronto-Dominion Bank's third-party administration business.

During fiscal 2003, Unisen Inc. moved the majority of its staff to one location and reviewed its staffing requirements. Also, the Corporation reassessed its lease termination costs in light of a change in the condition of the Toronto office real estate market. Based on this review, the Corporation recorded a \$5.4 million integration charge for the year ended November 30, 2003, consisting of \$4.6 million in lease termination costs and \$0.8 million in severance costs.

### 21.

#### SEGMENT INFORMATION

AGF has three reportable segments: wealth management operations, fund administration operations and trust company operations. The wealth management segment provides investment management and advisory services and is responsible for the management and distribution of the AGF investment products. Fund administration offers fund administrative services and transfer agency solutions to institutional clients including the Corporation's group of mutual funds. AGF Trust Company offers a wide range of trust services, including GICs, mortgages, investment loans and RRSP loans. AGF's reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services.

The results of the reportable segments are based upon the internal financial reporting systems of AGF. The accounting policies used in these segments are generally consistent with those described in the summary of significant accounting policies detailed in note 1.

For the year ended November 30, 2003		Wealth nagement perations	Fund nistration perations	Trust Company perations	Other		Inter- iment nation		Tota
External revenue	\$	476,838	\$ 76,583	\$ 34,687	\$ 12,724	\$	-	\$	600,832
Intersegment revenue		4,808	51,917	 1,192	 		7,917)		-
Segment revenue		481,646	128,500	35,879	12,724	(5)	7,917)		600,832
Operating expenses		223,125	116,323	29,481	9,740	(5)	7,917)		320,752
Amortization		140,037	14,462	912	2,046		-		157,457
Integration costs			 5,400	 _	 		_		5,400
Segment income (loss)									
before taxes	\$	118,484	\$ (7,685)	\$ 5,486	\$ 938	\$		\$	117,223
Included in External Re	venue								
Interest revenue	\$	885	\$ 96	\$ 30,536	\$ 6	\$	_	\$	31,523
Total Assets	\$1	,123,788	\$ 144,122	\$ 590,394	\$ 108,692	\$	_	<b>\$</b> 1	,966,996

		Wealth		Fund		Trust			Inter-	
For the year ended	М	anagement	Adm	ninistration		Company		Seg	gment	
November 30, 2002		Operations	(	Operations	(	Operations	 Other	Elimi	nation	 Tota
External revenue	\$	586,755	\$	45,593	\$	23,954	\$ (2,199)	\$	_	\$ 654,103
Intersegment revenue		(1,173)		-		1,173	-		_	-
Segment revenue		585,582		45,593		25,127	(2,199)		-	654,103
Operating expenses		256,311		46,912		22,404	10,829			336,456
Amortization		137,866		6,582		565	2,733		-	147,746
Integration costs				6,500		-	-		-	6,500
Segment income (loss)										
before taxes	\$	191,405	\$	(14,401)	\$	2,158	\$ (15,761)	\$	_	\$ 163,401
Included in External Rev	enue									
Interest revenue	\$	1,567	\$	9	\$	22,703	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 24,279
Total Assets	\$	1,226,352	\$	130,951	\$	511,713	\$ 105,904	\$	_	\$ 1,974,920

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On January 15, 2004, the Corporation completed the acquisition of 100% of the shares of P.J. Doherty & Associates Co. Ltd., an investment counselling firm for high-net-worth individuals and institutions based in Ottawa. Cash consideration paid was \$10.4 million, with potential future payments of up to \$1.3 million due January 2005 contingent on the business achieving certain revenue targets.

## AGF TRUST COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS

(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

December 31	 2003	 2002
ASSETS		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 97,429	\$ 121,114
Securities	5,779	4,183
Mortgages receivable	215,935	205,576
Consumer loans receivable	108,606	68,965
RSP loans receivable	179,244	113,640
Accrued interest receivable	2,261	2,420
Accounts receivable	1,110	1,701
Income taxes recoverable	-	438
Deferred charges	2,847	2,116
Other assets	1,849	2,353
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 615,060	\$ 522,506
Demand deposits Short-term deposits Guaranteed investment certificates	 4,849 550,744 559,022	 4,129 467,491 474,958
Income taxes payable	1,177	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	15,277	11,395
Future income taxes	115	379
Deferred income	197	62
	 575,788	 486,794
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Capital stock	25,358	25,358
Retained earnings	 13,914	_ 10,354
	 39,272	 35,712
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ 615,060	\$ 522,506

	2003	2002	2001	2000
Operations \$(000s)				
Total revenue	600,832	654,103	639,994	508,681
Net income	44,016	119,839	163,754	95,931
Dividends	27,150	22,967	19,577	14,092
Financial Position \$(000s)				
Working capital (deficit)	49,506	95,287	(9,950)	(86,692)
Long-term debt	. 114,114	225,403	165,481	278,051
Shareholders' equity	903,310	887,566	764,707	480,091
Return on equity <sup>1</sup>	4.9%	14.5%	26.3%	25.1%
Per Share (\$)				
Net income – basic	0.48	1.34	1.84	1.23
Dividends	0.295	0.255	0.22	0.18
Book value	9.79	9.74	8.56	5.78
Mutual fund assets under management				
at year end \$(000,000s) <sup>2</sup>	23,168	23,549	27,827	26,979

AS PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEAR.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> HARMONY POOLS INCLUDED FOR YEARS 2001 AND LATER.

1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
356,703	288,822	236,759	178,993	87,628	79,938
61,710	48,777	40,489	22,403	16,896	15,898
11,642	9,970	6,491	6,272	6,159	3,916
55,348	40,186	30,903	5,476	84,638	67,455
72,048	81,422	38,000	60,000	72,950	72,950
284,244	233,383	192,173	115,565	62,366	52,164
23.8%	22.9%	26.3%	25.2%	29.5%	34.5%
23.0%	22.7/0	20.376	23.276	27.376	34.376
0.80	0.64	0.55	0.37	0.34	0.33
0.15	0.13	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.08
3.64	3.03	2.53	1.85	1.26	1.06
18,705	15,015	12,429	10,075	4,471	4,076

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